

The concession is available to older boats which meet the qualifying criteria described below.

1. Age of boat

The basic structure of the boat must have been built before 1st January 1948 (when most inland waterways were nationalised).

There are many publications which illustrate or describe most of the older boat still existent. Applicants for the discount should provide documentary or photographic evidence. The materials and methods of construction are often indicative of the period of manufacture, eg. virtually all riveted iron/steel construction occurred before 1948.

2. Relevance to the heritage of the UK inland waterways

Boats with heritage specific to any UK inland navigation or UK coastal and estuarial waters are eligible. Boat built for waterways of other countries do not qualify.

3. Structural condition

There are old boats and there are historic old boats. A boat built before 1948 is likely to be of historic value if its structure is either original, or an accurate reproduction in the same material as the original, using the same methods as the original. It should not have had substantial modifications to:

- the hull
- the cabin – exterior or interior
- the engine
- any functional original equipment

Modifications made early in the life of a boat are less significant than changes made in recent years.

If the boat has been modified or converted, it should continue to “look the part”. For example, a traditional 1930’s narrowboat with a 3m cabin extension, an under-canvas conversion, and perhaps an engine of 1950’s vintage, may be acceptable. A similar boat with a full length steel cabin would not.

3. Appearance and provenance

The appearance should reflect the history of the boat. The paintwork should be traditional and the boat should be presented in a good state of repair.

Availability of well documented historical information about the boat which the owner is prepared to communicate to interested visitors to the waterways will contribute to a positive decision.

Please read the guidance notes, complete this form and enclose it with your licence application and recent photographic evidence.

Boat Name (current):		BW Index No:	
Original Name:		Date Built:	
Overall length:	Current:	Original:	
	feet	feet	
	metres	metres	
Builders Name & Location:			
For Whom Built / Fleet (if known):			
Cabin Length:	a) A full length conversion?	Yes/No	
Is the cabin:	b) A partial conversion of the original cabin, with between 25% and 75% of the original cargo space retained?	Yes/No	
	c) A modest extension of the original cabin, and/or the addition of a wheelhouse, etc?	Yes/No	
	d) In the same condition as originally built?	Yes/No	
If Yes to a), b) or c) please state:	Current length of cabin structure	Ft/m	
	Percentage of original cargo space now occupied by permanent cabin structure	%	
	Does the cabin extension follow the lines of the original rear cabin, or is it an 'under canvas' conversion?	Yes/No	
Engine Type:	Current type: Give as much detail as possible	Original motive force:	
Overall condition:	Excellent		
	Good standard		
	Currently subject to significant ongoing improvements		
	Needs considerable future work		
Current mooring location:	Name & waterway:		
Butty application?	Name and index number of paired motor:		
Any further information:			

**Name of current
licence holder:**

Address:
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Postcode:

Daytime tel:

Email address:

I believe that this boat may be eligible for BW's historic boat licence discount. The above details are correct to the best of my knowledge. I enclose recent photograph(s) of the boat.

Signed **Date:**

British Waterways Authorisation

Name:

Job title

Signature:

Date: