

Dear Funeral Directors, below is the latest updates with regards to sea burial from MPA:

In light of the announcement of the easing of restrictions on 06 Aug, MPA would like to clarify the requirements for persons boarding harbour craft for sea burial from 10 Aug 2021.

- a. There can be up to 2 groups of family members onboard the harbour craft, excluding boat driver, funeral and religious staff. The size of the group is subject to the prevailing restriction on group size (i.e. 5 per group from 10 Aug)
- b. In all circumstances, the licensed carrying capacity of the harbour craft must not be exceeded.
- c. There must be at least 1m safe distancing and no intermingling between the 2 groups of family members.
- d. The funeral/religious staff must ensure 1m safe distancing between all parties.
- e. The funeral staff is overall responsible to ensure safe management measures are implemented on board the craft. In the absence of the funeral staff, the religious staff will be responsible for the implementation of SMM.

For example, the following number of persons may board the harbour craft for sea burial from 10 Aug:

- a. 1x funeral staff
- b. 1x religious staff
- c. 10x family members (split into 2 groups of 5 persons)

Moving forward, sea burial may proceed without seeking MPA's approval unless there is deviation from the above conditions.