**FORM 35** - Supporting Information Form forapplication for a
**Fisheries Authorisation\***

# If you are a New Entrant\*\* (Licence or Permit Holder, Operator or Director) to Victoria’s fisheries, you must provide full answers and details for each of the questions in this document. If space is insufficient for you to provide full details, attach separate sheets which refer to the question number. Each attachment must be signed by you.

Please note that as part of the Fit and Proper Person assessment, as a new entrant, you are required to provide a **National Police Certificate with your application**.

It is an offence under the ***Fisheries Act 1995*** (Vic) for a person to give false or misleading information in relation to an application.

Please seek independent advice if you do not understand any questions in this document.

**Privacy of personal information provided in this form:** the Victorian Fisheries Authority is committed to responsible and fair handling of personal information, consistent with its obligations under the *Fisheries Act 1995* (Vic) and the *Information Privacy Act 2000* (Vic).

1. Applicant's full name

2. Date of birth

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3. Have you ever been known by another name (this includes maiden name, previous married name etc)?

 No

 Yes What name(s) have you also been known by?

4. Are you an Australian resident?

 Yes

 No Specify the country of which you are a resident

5. Are you (tick all that apply)

 An individual person applying for the issue or transfer of a licence or permit

 A director of a corporation or co-operative applying for the issue, transfer or renewal of a licence or issue of a permit

 (Specify name of corporation/co-operative)

 A person proposed to be authorised to carry out fishing activities under the licence or permit (an ‘operator’)

 (Specify name of licensee/permit holder and licence/ permit number)

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| Qualifications, Experience and Equipment/Facilities |  |  |
| **6.** | Have you previously held, or been named as an authorised operator within, a fishery licence or permit (including aquaculture), or been involved in the fishing/aquaculture industry? | **Yes** | **No** |
| Details of prior fishing or industry experience |
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**\* Fisheries Authorisation means: Fishery Access Licence, Operator Approval, Aquaculture Licence, Licence Transfer, Abalone Quota Unit Transfer, Fish Receiver Licence or Permit**

\*\* If you are an Existing Fisheries Authorisation Holder, you need only complete FORM 36 – Supporting Information Form for Application for Renewal of Fishery or Fisheries Authorisation.

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| **7.** | Do you have any relevant qualifications (e.g. marine certificates, TAFE qualifications, university degrees), or have you completed any relevant technical training? | **Yes** | **No** |
| Details of qualifications and training |
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| **8.** | Do you currently own, possess, or have access to fishing equipment or infrastructure relevant to fishing (for example, fishing vessels, sonar or satellite technology, nets, processing facilities)? (If yes provide details on a separate sheet.) | **Yes** | **No** |
| **Fishing Compliance History (Outside Victorian Jurisdiction)** |  |  |
| **9.** | Have you, or a company or co-operative of which you were a director, **other than in Victoria**, been refused a fishery licence, permit, registration or other authority or had a fishery licence, permit, registration or other authority suspended or cancelled? (If yes, provide details below.) | **Yes**  | **No** |
| Year | Agency  | Action Taken  | Details (attach additional sheet if necessary) |
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| **Offence History & Pending Charges** |  |  |
| **10.** | Have you, or a company or co-operative of which you were a director, **in Victoria or elsewhere**, pleaded guilty to, been found guilty of, or had a charge proven against you for an offence under any law in Victoria or elsewhere within the last 10 years? (If yes, provide details below.) You are **not required** to provide details of minor traffic offences (such as parking or speeding offences) or spent convictions (as determined under the *Spent Convictions Act 2021*). | **Yes** | **No** |
| Year | Court  | Details (attach additional sheet if necessary) | Penalty / Result |
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| **11.** | Have you, or a company or co-operative of which you were a director, in Victoria or elsewhere, been charged with an offence (other than a minor traffic offence such as parking or speeding offences) under any law that has not yet been determined by a Court? (If yes, provide details below.) **No details are required if the charge was laid by the Victorian Fisheries Authority.**  | **Yes** | **No** |
| Date of alleged offence: |  | Details of charges (attach additional sheet if necessary) |  |
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**REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE A NATIONAL POLICE CERTIFICATE WITH YOUR APPLICATION**

As part of the Fit and Proper Person assessment, you are required to provide a **National Police Certificate with your application**. Applicants are advised to visit [www.police.vic.gov.au](http://www.police.vic.gov.au) to procure the relevant information and application forms.

# Affirmation, Certification, Authorisation and Consent

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I affirm that I have a thorough knowledge of the provisions of the ***Fisheries Act 1995*** (Vic) and the ***Fisheries Regulations 2019*** (Vic) that are relevant to the particular fishery or fisheries in which I am seeking to operate.

I certify that the information contained in this Supporting Information Form is complete and correct. I agree to notify the Victorian Fisheries Authority in writing as soon as I become aware of a change in my circumstances in relation to the information provided in this form.

I consent to the Victorian Fisheries Authority seeking copies of information or records held by any other federal or state fisheries, quarantine, environmental, or business licensing or registration agency for the purposes of verifying the information provided in this Supporting Information Form and determining the application.

I acknowledge that a copy of this Supporting Information Form will be retained by the Victorian Fisheries Authority, and that this Form (along with any related documentation) may be reviewed by the VFA in the future for the purposes of:

* assessing my compliance with licence conditions, and/or the requirements of the *Fisheries Act* *1995* (Vic) and *Fisheries Regulations 2019* (Vic); and
* considering whether to issue or transfer licences/abalone units or issue permits under the *Fisheries Act 1995* (Vic) to me or to a company or cooperative of which I am a director.

**Signature of person making this declaration**

 Date

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**Full name of person making this declaration**

**Signature of Witness**

**Full name and address of witness**

 Date

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**Collection Notice**

The Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) collects, uses, stores and discloses a range of personal and health information for the purposes of providing commercial fishing licensing services in accordance with the Fisheries Act 1995. Ordinarily, the VFA will only use or disclose your information for the purposes for which we collected it, and where necessary for our functions and activities. A failure to provide necessary information on this form may result in your application not being processed.

We will not disclose your personal information without your consent, except where required to do so by law. You may contact us to request access to your personal information via commercial.licensing@vfa.vic.gov.au. You can also view our [Privacy Statement](https://vfa.vic.gov.au/privacy) for information on our privacy practices.

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