



ShorelineHudson | State COFR Application Support – FAQ

Subject: California and Alaska State COFR Services – Tank & Non-Tank Vessels

1. What is a State COFR, and when is it required?

A State Certificate of Financial Responsibility (COFR) is required by some U.S. states in addition to the federal COFR mandated by the U.S. Coast Guard. Currently, California and Alaska require vessels to maintain separate financial responsibility coverage to enter their waters.

2. Which vessels are subject to State COFR rules?

- California: All tank and non-tank vessels must have a valid State COFR.
- Alaska: Applies to vessels transporting oil or hazardous substances requirements vary based on vessel operations and capacity.

3. What has changed what does ShorelineHudson now offer?

Following our integration with Hudson, ShorelineHudson now acts as Agent for Service of Process for California and Alaska State COFR applications. This means we can now submit and manage state-level COFR filings on behalf of your clients, in addition to federal COFRs.

This positions us uniquely against our competitors, who typically do not provide this service.

4. What documents and information are needed to apply?

To initiate an application, brokers should send:

- Vessel name and IMO number
- Name, address, POC and Contact details of the vessel owner and operator
- Copy of valid P&I Club Certificate of Entry
- Capacity Plan
- Point of Contact for Addressing CoFR matters/clarification
- Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) at California/Alaska port
- Whether application is for a new COFR or a renewal
- Invoicing details for invoicing processing fee

If the vessel already holds a federal COFR with ShorelineHudson, much of this information will already be on file.

5. What are the fees involved?

JURISDICTION / VESSEL TYPE	STATE FEE
CALIFORNIA – TANK VESSEL	\$0
CALIFORNIA – NON-TANK ≤ 500 BARRELS*	\$750
CALIFORNIA – NON-TANK 501–6,500 BARRELS	\$2,250
CALIFORNIA – NON-TANK >6,500 BARRELS	\$3,750
ALASKA – ALL VESSELS	\$0

**Barrels refers to the amount of fuel oil (bunkers) carried by the vessel*

For California non-tank vessels, state fees must be paid in advance of submission. We cannot process applications without proof of payment.

6. How long does the COFR remain valid?

- California: COFRs are valid for two years, but an annual update of the P&I Club Certificate of Entry is required (we handle this submission on behalf of the client).
- Alaska: All Alaska COFRs expire February 20th of year following the COFR issuance and must be renewed annually.

7. Can COFRs be renewed in advance?

For Alaska COFRs the renewal submissions may be submitted up to 30 days prior to a COFR expiration. California also allows renewals to be submitted but may not process the renewal in a timely fashion without a valid ETA for a future California port call. If the vessel does not have a planned call, renewal may be deferred for the maximum allowable time period of 30 days.

8. How quickly can an application be processed?

- Once we receive all information, we typically prepare the application within 1 business day.
- California requires at least 10+ days lead time prior to arrival but can demand as much as 30 days.



- Delays occur primarily due to missed ETAs or payment confirmation for non-tank vessels.

9. How do I request a State COFR for my client?

Email your request to your ShorelineHudson underwriter point of contact.