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# **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT CHARGE GUIDE**

This guide assists commercial operators to understand and meet their obligations when collecting and paying the Environmental Management Charge (EMC). It contains information about the different EMC categories, when and how to pay the EMC, reporting requirements and advertising the charge.

Queries about the EMC should be directed to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority on (07) **4750 0700** or by email: **[emc@gbmpa.gov.au](mailto:emc@gbmpa.gov.au)**

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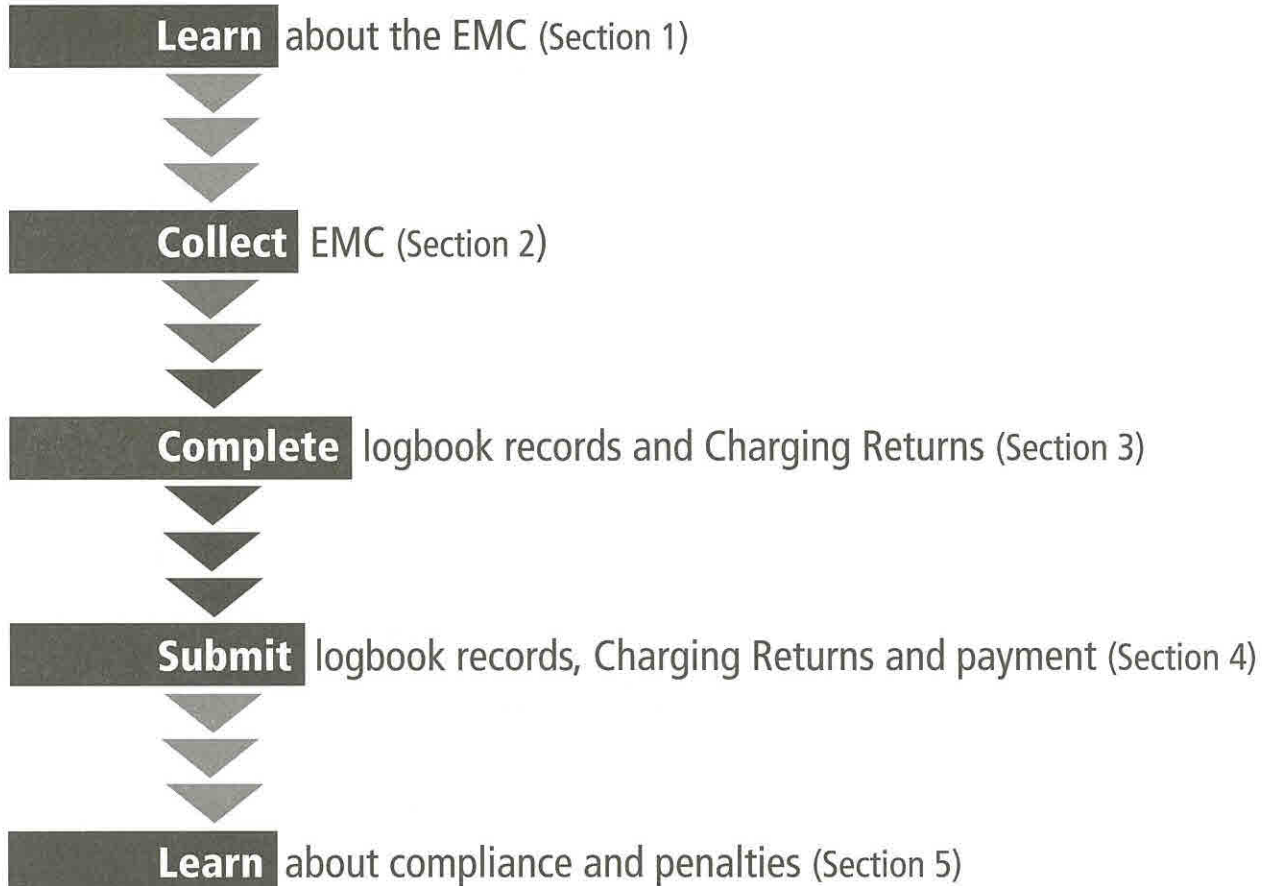
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## Your EMC Obligations in Five Easy Steps



<b>EMC Quarters</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
1 January to 31 March	<b>30 April</b>
1 April to 30 June	<b>31 July</b>
1 July to 30 September	<b>31 October</b>
1 October to 31 December	<b>31 January</b>

The Great Barrier Reef is an outstanding natural ecosystem that supports a world-class array of species and habitats. Almost two million tourists visit this World Heritage Area every year, motivated primarily by the chance to see, experience and learn about the Great Barrier Reef.

We can all play a role in protecting the Great Barrier Reef and preserving the tourism experiences it offers.

As an important stakeholder, you contribute to the management of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park by collecting and submitting the Environmental Management Charge and visitation records. You can further contribute by working in partnership with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority in Marine Park management.

The funds the Australian Government receives from the Environmental Management Charge are vitally important in the day-to-day management of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and in improving its long-term resilience. At the same time, the visitation information you provide when submitting the Environmental Management Charge greatly assists the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority in developing management arrangements for sustainable use of the Marine Park.

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority continually works to improve the way the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park is managed. A current focus is the permitting system and the Environmental Management Charge. Staged implementation of improvements in these areas will mean more streamlined processes and a simpler and easier system for you.

You are encouraged to carefully read this guide to the Environmental Management Charge. This 2011 EMC guide contains information relevant to the **2011 calendar year**. It will help you understand your Environmental Management Charge obligations and guide you through the steps to meeting them.

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