

WAC 173-187-100 Financial responsibility amounts for vessels.

(1) The owner or operator of any vessel that is covered by this chapter must demonstrate financial responsibility as defined in the table below:

Vessel Type	Financial Responsibility Amounts
Barges that transport hazardous substances in bulk as cargo	\$5,000,000 or \$300 per gross ton, whichever is greater
Tank vessels, including tank barges	\$1,000,000,000
Tank vessels, including tank barges, 300 gross tons or less	\$5,000,000 or \$3,000 per barrel of the barge's total capacity, whichever is greater
Cargo vessel	\$300,000,000
Passenger vessel	\$300,000,000
Passenger vessels that transport passengers and vehicles between Washington and a foreign country	\$500,000 or \$600 per gross ton, whichever is greater
Fishing vessel that carries predominantly nonpersistent oil	\$1,334,000 or \$133.40 per each barrel of total oil storage capacity, whichever is greater
Fishing vessel that carries predominantly persistent oil	\$6,670,000 or \$400.20 per each barrel of total oil storage capacity, whichever is greater

(2) A tank barge used solely as an oil spill response barge is not required to possess evidence of financial responsibility if the owner or operator submits to ecology a letter signed by an authorized representative that identifies the barge's name, official number, country of registry, and gross tonnage and certifies that:

(a) The barge is used exclusively for oil spill response activities and will not be used to carry oil in bulk in commerce; and

(b) The owner or operator is an approved primary response contractor under chapter 173-182 WAC.

If either certification becomes inaccurate, the owner or operator must notify ecology and must immediately comply with this chapter.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 88.40 RCW. WSR 24-13-065 (Order 22-14), § 173-187-100, filed 6/14/24, effective 7/15/24.]