



# Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA)



**Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Dairying and Animal Husbandry,  
Chennai**

## Citizen Charter

The Coastal Aquaculture Authority was set up under the Coastal Aquaculture Authority Act, 2005 (Act No. 24 of 2005) enacted by the Parliament of India, which received the assent of the Hon'ble President of India on the 23rd day of June 2005

The Coastal Aquaculture Authority is functioning with a mandate to ensure that coastal aquaculture shall not cause any detriment to the coastal environment, to promote responsible coastal aquaculture in compliance with the provisions contained under the Act, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines and also to protect the livelihood of the various sections of the people living in the coastal areas.

### **Objective:**

To provide transparent, accountable, and citizen-friendly services in regulating coastal aquaculture as per the Coastal Aquaculture Authority Act, 2005, Rules, and its Guidelines.

Sl. No	Service	Description	Timeline
1.	Registration of new coastal aquaculture farms/mariculture activities	Mandatory registration of all farms in coastal areas as per Section 13 (1) of CAA Act, 2005. Apply in Form-I, with documents as per Schedule-II of CAA Rules, 2024	SDLC level - 4 weeks DLC Level - 2 weeks CAA- two months from the date of receipt of the application from the SDLC/DLC.
2.	Renewal of farm registration/mariculture activities	Renewal for farm registration shall be made by the owner or operator within 60 days before expiry of such registration as per Section 13 (10) of CAA Act, 2005. Apply in Form-I, with documents as per Schedule-II of CAA Rules, 2024	CAA- two months from the date of receipt of the application
3.	Issuance of a duplicate certificate of registration of a coastal aquaculture unit or certificate of compliance for aquaculture inputs	Any loss or mutilation of the certificate shall be reported forthwith by the owner/operator as per Rule 14 of CAA Rules, 2024	15 days from the date of receipt of application
4.	Transfer of ownership or interest therein of coastal aquaculture unit or activity.	Application for transfer by sale or operation of law, with documentary evidence and fees as per Schedule-I, Rule 16 of CAA Rules, 2024	15 days from the date of receipt of application
5.	Registration of Coastal Hatcheries/Nauplii Rearing Hatchery, Live feed unit, Broodstock Multiplication	Apply in Form-II, with documents as per Schedule-II of CAA Rules, 2024	60 days from the date of receipt of application

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	Centre, and Nucleus Breeding Centre		
6.	Renewal of Coastal Hatcheries/Nauplii Rearing Hatchery, Live feed unit, Broodstock Multiplication Centre, and Nucleus Breeding Centre	Apply in Form-II, with documents as per Schedule-II of CAA Rules, 2024	60 days from the date of receipt of application
7.	Issuance of Certificate of Compliance for Antibiotic-Free Aquaculture Inputs:	Apply in Form-III, with documents as per Schedule-III of CAA Rules, 2024	90 days from the date of receipt of application
8.	Renewal of Certificate of Compliance for Antibiotic-Free Aquaculture Inputs:	Apply in Form-III, with documents as per Schedule-III of CAA Rules, 2024	60 days from the date of receipt of application

### Redress of Grievance

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 13A of the Coastal Aquaculture Authority Act, 2005 (Act No. 24 of 2005), the Coastal Aquaculture Authority authorised vide Order No 83-1/2025 dated 29.04.2025, the officers not below the rank of Asst. Director of Fisheries in all coastal districts as Authorised Officers for regular monitoring of coastal aquaculture units as prescribed under Rule 7 and 8 of the CAA Rules, 2024.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) and (3) of section 13A of the Coastal Aquaculture Authority Act, 2005 (Act No. 24 of 2005), the Central Government notified vide GSR No. 233 (E) dated 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, the officers not below the rank of Under Secretary as the Adjudicating Officers to adjudicate the penalties and the officers not below the rank of Deputy Secretary as the Appellate Authority to hear appeal against the order passed by the Adjudicating Officer for the coastal districts in the States and Union territories

### Appeal against Order of Refusal at CAA

Citizens may file an appeal before the Appellate Authority-cum-Chairperson, Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) against an order of refusal issued under the provisions of the CAA Act, Rules, or Guidelines. The appeal shall be submitted within 30 days from the date of receipt of the order. The Chairperson, after due consideration, may affirm, vary, or set aside the order.

Secretary  
Coastal Aquaculture Authority