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### **Purpose:**

This document provides guidance for those interested in the equipment eligibility and application processes for commercial harbor craft (CHC) through CORE. It addresses some of the most commonly asked questions related to CHC and their participation in CORE.

### **Who is eligible to purchase a commercial harbor craft through CORE?**

Eligible purchasers include an entity that is purchasing a vessel type that is subject to and fully compliant with the California Commercial Harbor Craft Regulation. This includes vessels engaging in commercial activity, such as sportfishing vessels, commercial fishing vessels, ferries, tugs, barges, and more. The purchaser must be in compliance with CHC regulations at the time of voucher approval. CORE-funded CHC are not for recreational purposes. In addition, the purchaser must obey all other guidelines as set forth in the CORE Implementation Manual and in the Purchaser Terms and Conditions.

### **What is the difference between a conversion kit and a new propulsion system?**

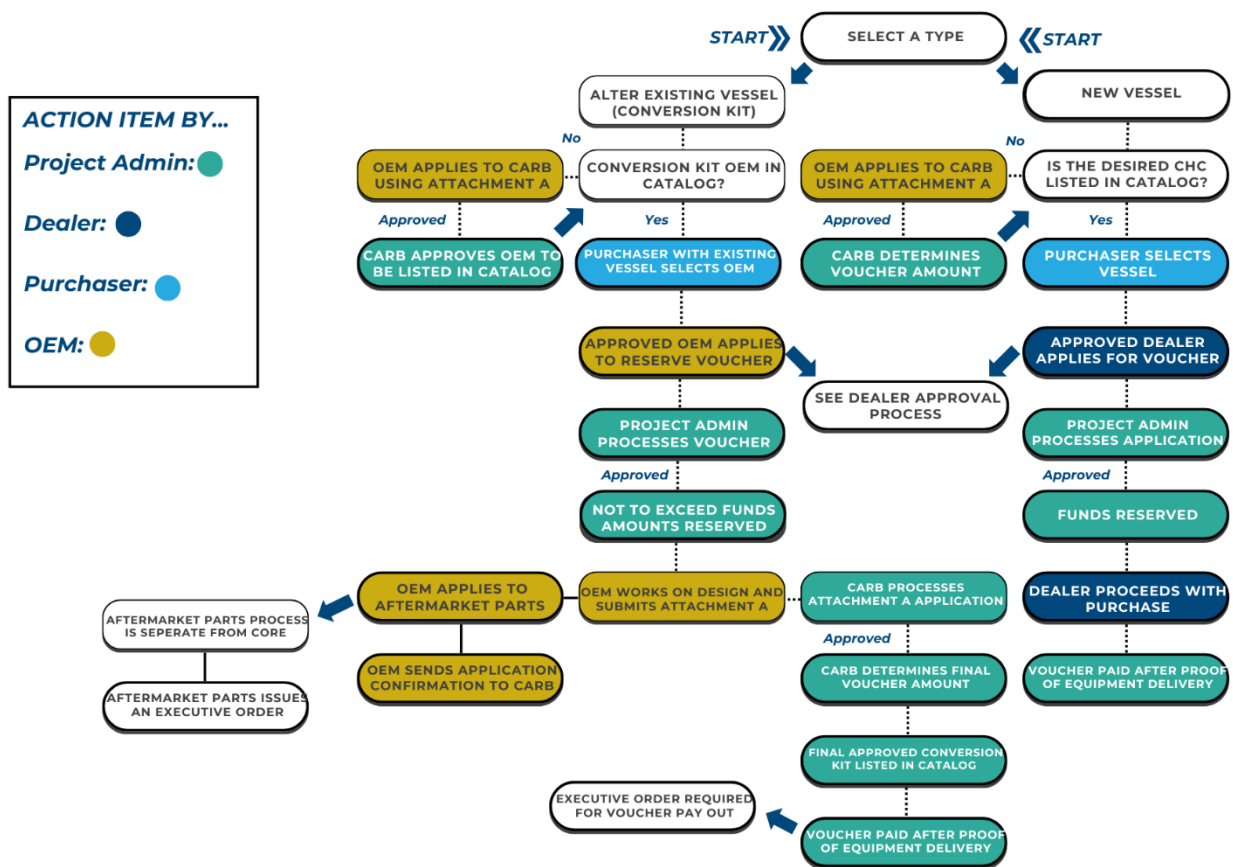
A conversion kit can only be installed on a vessel that is already built and is being retrofitted to the CORE-approved conversion kit, conversions also require an Executive Order from CARB Aftermarket Parts. A new propulsion system is designed to be installed in a new vessel. The CORE voucher will not be redeemed until the propulsion systems are fully installed and the commercial harbor craft is operational. Manufacturers of conversion kits or new propulsion systems must submit an application as outlined in Attachment A of the CORE Implementation Manual to be added to the CORE eligible equipment catalog..

**CORE is only for commercial-ready equipment, how is this defined for CHC?** The definition in Attachment E of the Implementation Manual states that a commercial-ready CHC model is one that has gone through sufficient testing and demonstration to ensure that it is a reliable and effective in its intended application(s). That is, a commercial ready CHC model is not a model that is still in the prototype or demonstration phase. Due to the unique nature of commercial harbor craft (CHC) vessels, CORE will permit vessels that

have not been previously sold to participate, provided they demonstrate that they meet the commercial-ready criteria and ownership is transferred to the end-user. There does not need to be a prior sale with a different end-user.

## How does a vessel get added to the catalog of eligible equipment?

CHC have two distinct pathways for eligibility depending on whether they are a new vessel/new propulsion system or a conversion kit (retrofitting/altering an existing vessel). In both instances the manufacturer fills out and submits Attachment A: Equipment Eligibility Application and submits it to CARB. For more information on the different processes see the below flow chart.



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