

IMO Bookshelf – the home of digital IMO publications

IMO's digital publications are protected from illegal copying and distribution using a bespoke encryption system and are accessed using the IMO Bookshelf e-reader software*, which is available for download, free of charge from the IMO Publishing website:

<http://www.imo.org/en/Publications/Pages/Bookshelf.aspx>

Two options are available:

1. Software only
2. Software and all locked titles

Option 1

This option is useful in environments which may have limited or slow internet access, such as on-board ship. Using this option will require purchased titles to be downloaded from our Virtual Publications website and imported into the installed IMO Bookshelf software. Each title must be unlocked for use.

Option 2

This is a convenient choice for many users as it includes all titles available at the time the software version is released. Users need only to unlock purchased publications from within the software. Version 5.11 was published in December 2019 and contains all digital e-reader publications available at that date.

Any titles published subsequently will need to be downloaded from our Virtual Publications website and imported into the installed IMO Bookshelf software and then unlocked for use.

Full details on how to download, install and unlock e-reader publications can be found on the IMO Publications website:

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*** for Windows operating system only. MAC users will need to use a Windows emulator.**

Licensing

When customers purchase an e-reader publication, they are purchasing one licence for the installation of one publication on one pc/laptop. Once activated, the publication is locked to the computer on which it is installed.

As a courtesy, IMO Publishing provides an additional back up licence to be used in cases where the pc/laptop on which a publication is installed fails and needs to be reinstalled.

In practise, IMO is aware that users on-board ship, for various reasons, choose to use both licences to install the e-reader onto two separate computers from the outset.

This practise can cause issues, however, as a there will be no backup licence available should a computer failure require reinstallation of the IMO Bookshelf.

IMO's policy in this case is that, where a publication has been purchased more than 24 months earlier, a single new backup licence will be provided to the user free of charge. This policy, introduced in June 2017, can be viewed [here](#).

If the publication(s) have been purchased more recently than this, a new licence (which includes a new backup licence) must be purchased.

New Functionality in version 5.11 of the IMO Bookshelf software


Uninstall/Reinstall e-reader publications

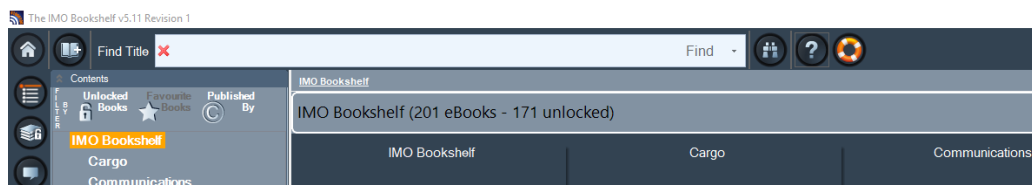
With the release of version 5.11 of the IMO Bookshelf e-reader software in December 2019, new functionality has been introduced to enable users to move publications from one computer to another. This is helpful when computer equipment is to be replaced or reinstalled and enables the user to unregister a book from the IMO Bookshelf software on one pc/laptop and re-register it on another.

When planning to move e-readers from one pc/laptop to another, it is essential to remove the existing licence(s) from the pc/laptop to be replaced **before** attempting to re-register it on a new pc/laptop. If you have already discarded the pc/laptop(s) where the e-reader was installed, and have already used both the main and backup licences, you will not be able to re-register it on a new pc/laptop and will need to purchase a new licence for each publication required.

How to do it

The new uninstall/reinstall functionality within the IMO Bookshelf software assumes that both the main and backup licences have been used. If this is not the case, the software will alert the user to the fact that they still have a licence available. If there is an available licence, this can be used on a new pc/laptop following normal practise.

Full details on how to unregister an e-reader publication can be found in the User Manual, which forms part of the IMO Bookshelf software. To access this, click on the  icon on the top ribbon within the software and go to page 75.



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