



NIUE SHIP REGISTRY

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MINIMUM SAFE MANNING ON NIUE SHIPS (Circular NMC1.2012 (rev4))

A. PURPOSE:

To provide the minimum manning requirements for UNRESTRICTED VOYAGES for Niue- flagged vessels.

B. APPLICATION:

All self-propelled Niue registered ships.

C. RELATED DOCUMENTS:

1. Niue Registry Circular NRC.6.2012.01 – Certificates of Endorsement (COE) for Officers
2. IMO Resolution A. 1047(27) – Principles of Minimum Safe Manning

D. INTRODUCTION:

1. All self-propelled ships must carry a minimum safe manning certificate issued by Niue Ship Registry (NSR).
2. The minimum safe manning of a ship is decided by the following factors: Type and size of ship, number of and power of propulsion units, level of ship automation, trading area(s) and applicable work and rest hours.
3. The tables (Section E and F) in the following pages show the minimum safe manning requirements of the Registry. Alternatively, you can obtain the minimum safe manning requirements using the online Manning Tool at: <https://niueship.com/manning>
4. This, however, may differ from the requirements of the Minimum Safe Manning Certificate issued by this Administration where reductions in the minimum safe manning have been approved based on special conditions (e.g. restricted voyages) accepted by this Administration.
5. In the event that a reduction in manning is required due to specific circumstances, please contact the Administration by email (technical@niueship.com) to provide details of the voyage / operations and propose a the reduced manning for consideration and approval.

E. DECK OFFICERS:

GT	Minimum qualified Officers & Ratings				Remarks
	Master	Chief Mate	OOW	Deck Rating	
3000 & above	1 (a)	1 (b)	1 (c)	3(d)	For International voyages
1600 – 2999	1 (e)	1 (f)	1 (c)	3(d)	For International voyages
500 – 1599	1 (e)	n/a	2(c)	3(d)	For International voyages
200 – 499	1 (e)	n/a	1 (c)	2(d)	For International voyages
Below 200	1 (e)	n/a	1 (c)	1 (d)	For International voyages

Legend for PART A – Deck OFFICERS:

OOW - Officer of the Watch (Navigation)

Deck Rating - Deck Watch Rating

Certificate Type

(a) COC under Reg II/2 (Master on ships above 3000 GT)

(b) COC under Reg II/2 (Chief Mate on ships above 3000 GT)

(c) COC under Reg II/1 (OOW on ships of 500 GT and above)

(d) Certification of ratings forming part of a navigational watch, Reg II/4 or Reg II/5

(e) COC under Reg II/2 (Master on ships between 500 and 3000 GT)

(f) COC under Reg II/2 (Chief Mate on ships between 500 and 3000 GT)

F. ENGINEER OFFICERS

KW	Minimum qualified Engineers & Ratings				Remarks
	Chief Engineer	Second Engineer	OOW	Engine Ratings	
3000 & above	1 (a)	1 (b)	1 (c)	3(d)	For International voyages
1500 – 2999	1 (e)	1 (f)	n/a	2(d)	For International voyages
750 – 1499	1 (e)	n/a	1 (c)	2(d)	For International voyages
749 & below	n/a	1 (f)	1 (c)	1 (d)	For International voyages

Legend for PART B – ENGINEER OFFICERS:

OOW - Officer of the Watch (Engineer)

Engine Rating - Engine Room Watch Rating

Certificate Type

(a) COC under Reg III/2 (C/E on ships above 3000 KW)

(b) COC under Reg III/2 (2/E on ships above 3000 KW)

(c) COC under Reg III/1 (OOW on ships above 750 KW)

(d) Certification of ratings forming part of an engine watch, Reg III/4 or Reg III/5

(e) COC under Reg III/3 (C/E on ships between 750 and 3000 KW)

(f) COC under Reg III/3 (2/E on ships between 750 and 3000 KW)

G. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION OF RADIO PERSONNEL (Ships above 300GT)

Area A1	At least 1 officer with GMDSS Restricted Operator's Cert (ROC)
Area A2	At least 1 officer with GMDSS General Operator's Cert (GOC)
Area A3	At least 2 officers with GMDSS GOC or 1 dedicated officer with a GMDSS GOC
Area A4	At least 2 officers with GMDSS GOC or 1 dedicated officer with a GMDSS GOC

H. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION OF SHIP SECURITY OFFICER (ISPS Code)

All ship security officers on board Niue flagged vessels to which the ISPS Code applies, must hold the relevant Certificate of Proficiency as per STCW requirements, issued by an administration whose certificates are recognised by NSR.

I. CERTIFICATES OF ENDORSEMENT (COE)

ONLY officers are required to be issued with a Certificate of Endorsement (COE) by NSR unless specifically exempted. Officers on specialised ships (e.g. tankers, high speed craft, passenger ships etc.) must hold the relevant specialised training endorsements as per the requirements of the STCW Convention. Please refer to Registry Circular NRC6.2012.01 for procedures to apply for COE.

J. REDUCTION IN MANNING

1. The Administration may on a case-to-case basis consider requests to reduce the minimum safe manning requirements stipulated in this circular upon submission of the following information by email (technical@niueship.com):
 - 1.1. Reason(s) for the request in reduction e.g. vessel design, restricted area of operations, restricted operation hours etc. All reasons shall be provided in a manner that is clear and easy to understand with supporting documents where applicable.
 - 1.2. Proposed reduced manning level.
2. The Administration may reject any request for reduction in manning if it considers that such reduction puts the safety of the crew and vessel at risks.