



# NIUE SHIP REGISTRY

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## **Minimum Safe Manning [Circular NMC1.2012 (rev5)]**

### **(A) PURPOSE:**

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

### **(B) DEFINITIONS:**

The following abbreviations stand for:

1. "COC" – Certificate of Competency issued under STCW
2. "GMDSS" – Global Maritime Distress and Safety System
3. "MLC" – Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended
4. "OSV" – Offshore Support Vessel
5. "SSO" – Ship Security Officer
6. "STCW" – International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended

The term "Administration" shall mean the Niue Ship Registry.

### **(C) RELATED DOCUMENTS:**

1. Niue Registry Circular NRC.6.2012 – Certificates of Endorsement (COE)
2. Niue Marine Circular NMC1.2025 – Certificate of Competency by Foreign Maritime Administrations

### **(D) APPLICATION:**

All self-propelled Niue registered ships.

### **(E) GENERAL INFORMATION:**

1. All self-propelled ships must carry a Minimum Safe Manning Certificate issued by the Administration.
2. The tables (**Section F and G**) show the minimum manning requirements, which can also be found at using the online [Manning Tool](#).
3. Provision for a reduced Deck manning applicable to OSVs is made in this circular in view that the operations of OSVs differ from other types of cargo vessels. Please refer to **Section F.2**.
4. All crew working on board shall comply with the hours of work and hours of rest in accordance with the requirements of STCW and MLC.
5. For further reduction in manning due to special conditions or restricted operations, please refer to **Section K**.

**(F) DECK OFFICERS:**

1. Applicable to all self-propelled ships (except OSV)

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

2. Applicable to OSV

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

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)

**(G) MARINE ENGINEER OFFICERS:**

KW	Minimum qualified Engineers & Ratings				
	Chief Engineer	Second Engineer	EOW	Engine Ratings	Vessel certified for UMS
3000 & above	1 (a)	1 (b)	1 (c)	2(d)	EOW not required
1500 – 2999	1 (e)	1 (f)	n/a	1 (d)	
750 – 1499	1 (e)	n/a	1 (c)	1 (d)	
749 & below	n/a	1 (f)	1 (c)	1 (d)	EOW not required

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)

**(H) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR GMDSS RADIO PERSONNEL (STCW IV/2)**

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

## **(I) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIP SECURITY OFFICER (ISPS Code)**

All SSOs on board vessels to which the ISPS Code applies must hold the relevant SSO Certificate of Proficiency as per STCW requirements, issued by an administration whose certificates are recognised. Please refer to **Section C**.

## **(J) CERTIFICATES OF ENDORSEMENT (COE)**

All officers are required to be issued with a Certificate of Endorsement (COE). 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 **Section C**.

## **(K) CERTIFICATES OF ENDORSEMENT (COE)**

1. The Administration may consider requests to reduce the minimum manning requirements stipulated in this circular upon submission of the following information by email to [technical@niueship.com](mailto:technical@niueship.com):

1.1. Reason(s) - e.g. restricted area of operations, restricted operation hours etc.

1.2. Proposed reductions.

Please contact the Administration at [crewing@niueship.com](mailto:crewing@niueship.com) or call: +65 6226-2001 if clarification or further assistance is required.

Yours sincerely,  
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