



# NIUE SHIP REGISTRY

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## Minimum Safe Manning [Circular NMC1.2012 (rev6)]

### (A) PURPOSE:

To provide the minimum manning requirements 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. 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, taking into account principles outlined in IMO Guidelines On Fatigue (MSC.1/Circ. 1598), as amended.
4. 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

GT	Minimum qualified Officers & Ratings				Remarks
	Master	Chief Mate	OOW Navigation	Deck Rating	
3000 & above	1 (a)	1 (b)	1 (c)	2 (d)	- For International voyages
1600 – 2999	1 (e)	1 (f)	1 (c)	2 (d)	- For International voyages
500 – 1599	1 (e)	n/a	2 (c)	2 (d)	- For International voyages - For OSV, less 1 OOW Navigation
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

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	OOW Engineer	Engine Ratings	Vessel certified for UMS
3000 & above	1 (a)	1 (b)	1 (c)	2 (d)	OOW 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)	OOW 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) REQUIREMENTS FOR COOKS**

- All ships carrying ten (10) or more seafarers and engaged on voyages of more than 24 hours shall carry a qualified cook in accordance with MLC Regulation 3.2 and Standard A3.2.
- A cook shall:
  - Be at least 18 years of age;
  - Have completed a minimum of one month sea going service in any capacity.
  - Hold a valid certificate(s) attesting to the successful completion of training in the following:
    - Practical cookery;

- 2.3.2. Food and personal hygiene;
  - 2.3.3. Food storage;
  - 2.3.4. Stock control;
  - 2.3.5. Environmental protection catering health and safety.
- 2.4. A ship is not required to carry a qualified cook if its complement is 9 or less. Seafarers on such ships who are assigned duties in processing food in the galley shall be trained or instructed in areas including food and personal hygiene as well as handling and storage of food on board ship.
- 2.5. Cooks with certificates issued by a foreign maritime administration party to MLC will be recognised to work on Niue-flagged vessels.

#### **(J) 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**.

#### **(K) 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**.

#### **(L) 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 [technical@niueship.com](mailto:technical@niueship.com) or call: +65 6226-2001 if clarification or further assistance is required.

Yours sincerely,  
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