



# NIUE SHIP REGISTRY

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## AGE RESTRICTION OF 30 YEARS [Circular NMC6.2026 (rev0)]

### (A) PURPOSE:

This circular serves to notify ship owners / ship managers / ship operators / agents that, with effect from **01 March 2026**, the Administration will not accept any application to register a vessel aged 30 years and above.

### (B) DEFINITIONS:

The following stand for:

1. "Vessel" – any ship intended to be registered under the Niue Flag
2. "Agent" – any party acting on behalf of a Shipowner / Manager in relation to registration matters.

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

### (C) APPLICATION:

This circular applies to vessels that have yet to obtain Niue registration (Provisional or Permanent).

### (D) CONTENTS:

1. With effect from **01 March 2026**, the Administration will not accept any registration enquiries or applications for vessels aged 30 years and above.
2. A vessel's age shall be determined based on the year of build as stated in official documentation (e.g., Certificate of Registry, Class Certificate, Builder's Certificate, and/or existing Statutory Certificates).
3. Notwithstanding the above, the Administration may, at its sole discretion, consider exceptions where the average age of the shipowner's fleet is less than 25 years, or where there are other merits.