



NIUE SHIP REGISTRY

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MINIMUM SAFE MANNING ON NIUE SHIPS (Circular NMC1.2012 (rev2))

PURPOSE: To provide the minimum manning requirements of the Niue Ship Registry.

APPLICATION: All self propelled Niue registered ships.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

- 1) Merchant Shipping (Registration of Foreign Vessels) Act 2012, Niue
- 2) Niue Registry Circular NRC.6.2012.01 – Certificates of Endorsement (COE) for Officers
- 3) IMO Resolution A. 1047(27) – Principles of Minimum Safe Manning

INTRODUCTION:

All self-propelled ships (except yachts below 24 metres) must carry a minimum safe manning certificate issued by Niue Ship Registry (NSR).

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. The tables (Part A and Part B) in the following pages show the minimum safe manning requirements of the Registry. 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.

PART A- DECK REQUIREMENTS

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
	1 (g)	n/a	1 (h)	2(d)	For near coastal voyages
Below 200	1 (e)	n/a	1 (c)	1 (d)	For International voyages
	1 (g)	n/a	1 (h)	1 (d)	For near coastal 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)
- (g) COC under Reg II/3 (Master on ships less than 500 GT)
- (h) COC under Reg II/3 (OOW on ships less than 500 GT)

PART B - 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)

Part C - 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

Part D – 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.

Part E – Certificate 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.

Part F – Minimum Safe Manning Certificate (MSMC)

The STCW 2010 Manila Amendments introduced provisions for the certification requirements for new grades of Able Seafarer Deck and Able Seafarer Engine applicable from 1 January 2017, thereafter requiring all seafarers to comply with the mandatory minimum requirements for able seafarer in accordance with the STCW Chapter II Regulation II/5 for Able Seafarer Deck and Chapter III Regulation III/5 for Able Seafarer Engine.

In view of the above changes, the Administration shall be revising the MSMCs to reflect the changes in the following manner:

- (a) For new vessels registered after 1 January 2017, the MSMCs issued shall automatically reflect the changes.
- (b) For existing vessels, the MSMCs shall be replaced during the annual renewal of the vessels after 1 January 2017. Based on this schedule of replacement, all Niue-flagged vessels holding a MSMC shall have their MSMC replaced by 31 December 2017. The replacement process should not cause any delay to the vessel's operations.

The Administration recommends that ship owners / operators place a copy of this circular on board to inform PSC authorities that all existing MSMCs held by Niue-flagged vessels shall remain valid while the transitional measures are implemented to have all Niue-flagged vessels hold the MSMC with the latest changes by 31 December 2017.