



# NIUE SHIP REGISTRY

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## IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC VESSEL CERTIFICATES (Circular NMC1.2020 (rev0))

**PURPOSE:** To inform ship owners/managers/operators/crewing agents and all relevant Port State Control (PSC) authorities that the Niue Administration is progressively moving towards full implementation of Electronic Certificates for vessels with effect of 01 January 2020.

### RELATED DOCUMENTS:

1. Marine Circular NMC.2.2016 – Electronic Crew Certificates of Endorsement
2. IMO circular FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2

### DEFINITIONS:

The following terms and abbreviations stand for:

- "PSC" – Port State Control
- "RO" – Recognised Organisation as defined by IMO Resolution A.789(19)
- "Administration" shall mean the Niue Ship Registry

### APPLICATION:

This Marine Circular applies to all vessel certificates issued by this Administration.

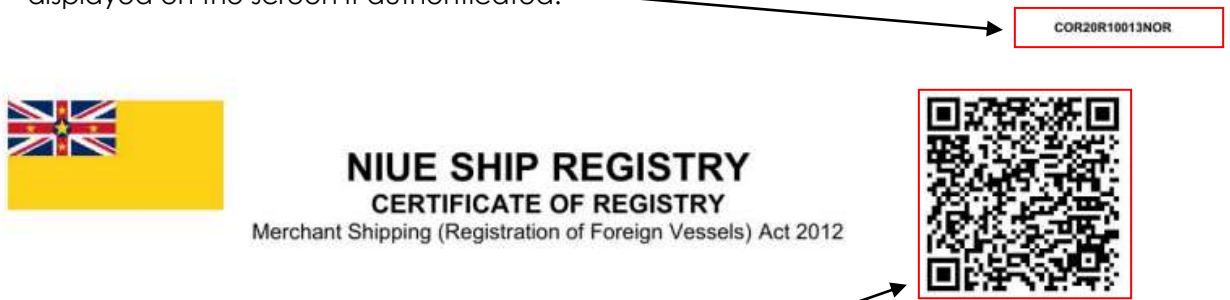
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The implementation of electronic certificates aims to reduce the administrative burden on other Administrations, PSC officers, seafarers etc. caused by the reliance of traditional paper certificates, thereby minimising delays to the operations of vessels and creating a greener environment.

1. Original hardcopy certificates previously issued by this Administration prior to 01 January 2020 (or in some cases after 01 January 2020) shall remain valid and shall continue to be carried on board until such time they are replaced by electronic certificates.
2. To verify individual original hardcopy certificates, please email a copy of the certificate to [operations@niueship.com](mailto:operations@niueship.com) to request for authentication.
3. To verify the registration status of Niue-flagged vessels, please key in the vessel's Official Number in the online verification system at <https://niueship.com/verifyreg>
4. The Administration has no objection for ROs to implement and issue electronic certificates on behalf of Niue so long as the certificates issued contain all the features in accordance to IMO Circular FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2, and there are instructions provided for verifying the validity and authenticity of the electronic certificates.
5. All electronic certificates issued by this Administration or by ROs that comply with IMO Circular FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 shall be considered as valid in accordance with all applicable international instruments that Niue is a party to.
6. A copy of this Marine Circular shall be kept on board to facilitate the acceptance of electronic certificates by other relevant authorities.

7. Methods for verification of Electronic Certificates

- 7.1. Entering the unique certificate number found at the online verification system at <https://niueship.com/verify> shall result in a copy of the electronic certificate being displayed on the screen if authenticated.



- 7.2. Scanning the Quick Response (QR) Code shall result in a copy of the electronic certificate being displayed on the screen if authenticated.

8. All electronic certificates issued by this Administration contains all features in accordance to IMO Circular FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 and may be printed or held digitally on board the vessel.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Registry at [operations@niueship.com](mailto:operations@niueship.com) or call: +65 6226-2001 for further assistance.