



NIUE SHIP REGISTRY

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MINIMUM SAFE MANNING ON NIUE SHIPS (Circular NMC1.2012.01) MAY 2012

PURPOSE: To provide guidance to 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) Application of COE (Form NCOE)
- 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). A proposal for the minimum safe manning of a Niue flagged ship is to be submitted by the ship operator for approval by 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 below tables serve as guidelines to the minimum safe manning requirements of the Registry, and may differ from the requirements of the Minimum Safe Manning Certificate issued 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 voyage within 600 nm and not more than 96 hrs - less 1 OOW.
1600 – 2999	1(e)	1(f)	1(c)	3(d)	For voyage less than 72 hrs - less 1 Rating.
500 – 1599	1(e)	n/a	2(c)	3(d)	i) For voyage less than 48 hrs - less 1 OOW. ii) For voyage less than 72 hrs - less 1 Rating.
200 – 499	1(e)	n/a	1(c)	2(d)	For international voyages. If more than 72 hrs - add 1 OOW.
	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. If less than 8 hrs - less 1 OOW.
	1(g)	n/a	1(h)	1(d)	For near coastal voyages.

Legend for PART A – Deck OFFICERS:

OOW - Officer of the Watch (Deck)

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
- (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)	i) UMS - less 2 Ratings ii) For voyages less than 48 hrs - less 1 OOW and 1 Rating
1500 – 2999	1(e)	1(f)		2(d)	i) UMS - less 1 Ratings ii) For voyages less than 48 hrs - less 1 Rating
750 – 1499	1(e)		1(c)	2(d)	i) UMS - less 1 Ratings ii) For voyages less than 48 hrs - less 1 Rating
749 & below		1(f)	1(c)	1(d)	For voyage more than 72 hrs - add 1 OOW

Legend for PART B – ENGINEER OFFICERS:

- OOW - Officer of the Watch (Engineer)
- Engine Rating - Engine Room Watch Rating
- UMS - Unattended Machinery Space

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
- (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.