

Annexure B: Minimum Safe Manning Scale for Near Coastal Voyages

Reference Code	GT of the vessel	Master		Chief Officer		OINW		AB		OS		Cook	
		Qualification	No.	Qualification	No.	Qualification	No.	Qualification	No.	Qualification	No.	Qualification	No.
B-1	< 200 ###	Master NCV (500 GT) / Mate NCV	1	NWKO NCV	1	-	-	Able Seafarer Deck (II/5) / Rating forming part of a navigational watch (II/4)	2	Rating with Basic STCW safety training	-	Basic STCW safety training and CoC as Cook as applicable	1
B-2	≥200 < 500 ###	Master NCV (500 GT) / Mate NCV with 6 months experience	1	Mate NCV / NWKO NCV with 12 months experience	1	-	-		2		#1		1
B-3	≥ 500 < 3000	Master NCV	1	Mate NCV	1	NWKO NCV	#1		#2		#1		1
B-4	≥3000 < 6000	Master NCV	1	Mate NCV	1	NWKO NCV	# 1		#2		#1		1
B-5	≥ 6000	Master FG	1	Mate FG	1	NWKO NCV	## 2		# 2		#2		1

Notes:

1. The above manning scale applies to all types of self-propelled ships registered under the Merchant Shipping Act, except where otherwise specified in this Circular.
2. On all vessel either one dedicated Radio Officer holding a valid Indian GMDSS CoC or two deck officers holding valid Indian GMDSS CoCs are required.
3. For tankers (oil, chemical and gas), a valid Certificate of Proficiency in Tanker Operation, as applicable, is mandatory.
4. # One additional person of the same rank is required for tankers.
5. ## Only one NWKO NCV is required on MSV/OSV/PSV/SPS/Tugs.
6. ### For tugs below 500 GT, the NCV manning may be extended to include Persian Gulf and Singapore Straits, subject to acceptance by the respective Maritime Administrations.
7. For vessels < 200 GT, minimum safe manning is prescribed only for operations against fair-weather forecast/conditions, unless specifically authorized by the Directorate.


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