

Annexure-C Minimum Safe Manning Scale - Vessels operating on the Indian Coast, including the coasts of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep

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.
C-1	< 200	Master NCV (500 GT) / Mate NCV	*1	NWKO NCV / 1st Class IV Master	1	-	-	Able Seafarer Deck (II/5) / Rating forming part of a navigational watch (II/4)	1	Rating with Basic STCW safety training	1	Basic STCW safety training and CoC as Cook as applicable	-
C-2	≥ 200 < 500	Master NCV (500 GT) / Mate NCV with 6 months experience	1	Mate NCV**	1	NWKO NCV / 1 st Class IV Master	1		*** 1		1		1
C-3	≥ 500 < 1600	Master NCV	1	Mate NCV / NWKO NCV with 1 year experience	#1	NWKO NCV	## 1		2		1		1
C-4	≥ 1600 < 3000	Master NCV	1	Mate NCV / NWKO NCV with 1 year exp	#1	NWKO NCV	## 1		2		1		1
C-5	≥ 3000 < 6000	Master NCV	1	Mate NCV / NWKO with 2 years experience	1	NWKO NCV	1	-	2	-	2	-	1
C-6	≥ 6000	Master FG	1	Mate FG	1	NWKO NCV	## #1		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 vessels at least one officer shall hold a valid Indian GMDSS CoC. On vessels < 200 GT (**Code C-1**), one Restricted Operator Certificate holder is acceptable.
3. * Not required on cargo ships (other than tankers) on voyages of less than 12 hours.
4. ** Required only on tankers.
5. *** One additional AB is required on tankers and MSV / OSV / PSV / AHTS / SPS.
6. # On vessels below 3000 GT, other than tankers, Mate NCV may be substituted by NWKO (NCV) with 12 months experience.
7. # # Not required on OSV / MSV / PSV / AHTS / SPS / Tugs / Dredgers.
8. # # # One additional person of the same rank is required on tankers or on all vessels for voyages exceeding 72 hours.
9. For tanker operations, a valid Certificate of Proficiency in Tanker Operation, as applicable, is required.
10. For dredgers, Master, Mate, and NWKO-NCV CoCs may be substituted by Dredge Master Grade I, Dredge Master Grade II, and Dredge Mate Grade I, respectively.
11. 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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