



Return of Births and Deaths

For the purpose of Regulations 5 and 6 of the Merchant Shipping
(Returns of Births and Deaths) Regulations 1979

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Important: The Consul or other Officer abroad, or the Superintendent in the Isle of Man to whom this Return is given, should forward it without delay direct to:-

Isle of Man Ship Registry
Peregrine House,
Peel Road,
Douglas,
Isle of Man
IM1 5EH

Tel: 01624 688500
Fax: 01624 688501
E-mail: Registry.marine@gov.im

Additional particulars in respect of deceased member of the crew, if known

Name _____

Relationship and
Address of next of kin _____

Discharge book No. _____

UK ships only. If the deceased was engaged on a "supplementary" agreement for non-UK seamen, please state the date and place that agreement was opened.

Date _____

Place _____

Copy of entry or entries relating to death appearing in the narrative section of the Official Log Book or other official record.

Name of ship	Official number or, if a Fishing vessel, IMO number together with Port Letters and Number	Port of Registry (if the ship is registered outside the UK or is unregistered state also name and address of owners)

Instructions to Masters¹

A Return of Death should be delivered to a Superintendent, Consul or Shipping Master at the earliest opportunity. The Master should produce the Return together with his Official Log Book recording the occurrence.

UK Ships (Registered & Unregistered)

The Master is required to make a Return of

- Any birth of a child
- Any death in the ship²
- The death of any person employed in the ship, where it occurs outside the UK

Other ships

If the ship calls at a port the Master is required to make a return of any birth or death of a citizen of the UK or Colonies³ which has occurred in the ship during the voyage.

Instructions to Consuls, Shipping Masters above and Superintendents

The officer receiving a Return from a Master must be satisfied that

- It is correctly completed in all particulars. Any omission or ambiguity (such as stating the cause of death simply as "missing") will lead to delay in registration.
- The person making the Return is the Master of the ship
- The vessel is a sea-going ship
- The entry in this Return and in the Official Log Book (where carried) are consistent with one another.

If a death occurred ashore, or the body was brought ashore, it will be helpful if a copy of the Post Mortem findings or other medical or police reports (with a translation into English if in a foreign language) is attached to the Return.

The Officer should also refer to his instructions or notes for guidance in order to find out whether he is to hold an inquiry into the cause of death.

In the event of difficulties, assistance should be sought from Isle of Man Ship Registry at the address.

Notes:

- Master includes every person (except a pilot) Having command or charge of any ship.
- In the ship includes in a ship's boat or life-raft and being lost from a ship, a ship's boat or life-raft.
- Citizen of the UK and Colonies under the British Nationality Act 1981 means a person who is a
 - British Citizen
 - British Dependant Territories Citizen
 - British Overseas Citizen
 - British National (Overseas), (under the

Date and hour of the occurrence	Place of the occurrence or situation by Latitude and Longitude at sea	Date of entry	Entries required by Regulations made under Section 77 Merchant Shipping Act 1995

Births

Date of Birth	Place of Birth (Latitude & Longitude if at sea)	Forenames (if any) and Surname of child	Sex	Father*	
				Name, Surname & Occupation	Usual residence & Nationality

***Note:** if the child is illegitimate, the particulars of the father **must not** be given unless it is at the joint request of the mother and the person acknowledging himself to be the father, in which case such person shall sign the Return, **as well as the mother.**

Deaths

Date of Death	Place of Death or loss (Latitude & Longitude if at sea)	Name & Surname of Deceased (also maiden name of woman who has married, if known)	Sex	Date of Birth (if known) or age

Certificate to be signed by the proper officer to whom this return is delivered.

I certify that,

- This report was made to me at the date and place shown below
- I have examined the Official Log Book containing the relevant entries
- I have / have not held an inquiry under Section 271 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (please delete as appropriate)

Full name in capitals _____

Signature of officer _____

Title of officer _____

Port _____

Name, Surname & Occupation	Mother		Signature of Father* and/or Mother of the child
	Maiden surname and Surname at Marriage if different	Usual Residence and Nationality	

When completing this form or making entries in the Log Book as to the "Cause of Death", terms such as "suicide" or "missing" should be avoided and more specific terms such as "gunshot wound to the head" or "lost at sea believed killed or drowned" used instead.

Occupation, rank or profession	Usual residence at time of Death	Nationality	Cause of Death

Certified correct by ship's doctor or other Medical Practitioner (where possible)

Certificate to be signed by the Master

I certify that,

- This Return is correct and true
- I have recorded the Death in the Official Log Book or other record of the ship
- The extract from the Official Log Book at page 4 of this Return is a true extract

Signature of Master _____

Full name of Master (in capitals) _____

Date _____

Date _____