



Department for Enterprise
Merchant Shipping (Masters and Seamen) Act 1979
Return of Births and Deaths (RBD1) (Rev 12/2018)

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

Name of Ship	Official number or IMO number, or fishing vessel Port Letters and Number	Nationality of Ship and Port of Registry <i>(if the ship is not registered in the Isle of Man also state name and address of the owner)</i>

Instructions to Masters

The master (or in the event of the master's death the seafarer in command of the ship) must complete the Return in handwriting and in the English language.

Important - Complete one return for each birth of a child or deceased person.

Isle of Man Registered Ships

The master is required to make a return of:

- the birth of a child on the ship*; or
- the death of any person on the ship*; or
- the death of any person employed on the ship who dies ashore outside the Isle of Man.

*ship includes cargo ships, passenger ships, yachts, fishing vessels and pleasure vessels and also includes any of the ship's boats or life-rafts.

The master shall ensure the deceased person's next of kin is informed within 3 days of death.

For ships required to maintain an **Isle of Man Official Log Book** the master must complete the required entries in the Official Log Book Sections 7 and 8. See Manx Shipping Notice 004 Chapter 2 for the required entries. **Copies of Official Log Book pages containing the required entries must be attached to the Return.**

The Isle of Man Ship Registry will inform the master whether an appointed Isle of Man Superintendent will attend the ship or not. Where an Isle of Man Superintendent attends the ship the master should forward the Return only when the Return has been signed by the attending Isle of Man Superintendent. If no Isle of Man Superintendent attends the master must forward the original Return as per the below forwarding instructions. *(Please note – Isle of Man Superintendents are appointed by the Isle of Man Ship Registry and should not be confused with a company superintendent).*

Ships not registered in the Isle of Man

Where a birth or death of a citizen of the UK or Colonies¹ has occurred on the ship during the voyage and the ship calls at a port in the Isle of Man in the course of or at the end of the voyage, the master must complete a Return and forward it to the Isle of Man Ship Registry.

Forwarding: The master or appointed Isle of Man Superintendent should mail the original Return (and any attached pages) to the address below and email a copy direct to the Isle of Man Ship Registry:-

Isle of Man Ship Registry,
St. George's Court,
Upper Church Street,
Douglas,
Isle of Man IM1 1EX
British Isles

If you have questions please contact:
Duty Principal Surveyor
Tel: +44 1624 688500
Mobile (24Hr): +44 7624 493467
Fax: +44 1624 688501
Email: marine.survey@gov.im
www.iomshipregistry.com

¹ A citizen of the UK and Colonies (under the United Kingdom British Nationality Act 1981) means a person who is a
- British Citizen
- British Dependant Territories Citizen
- British Overseas Citizen
- British National (Overseas), (under the Hong Kong (British Nationality) Order 1986)

Return of a Death

Date of death or loss	
Place of death or loss (port or latitude / longitude at sea)	
Forename and surname (and maiden surname if applicable)	
Sex	
Date of birth or age	
Occupation, rank or profession	
Usual residence address at time of death or loss	
Nationality and Passport Number (if known)	
Cause of death or loss* (Certified if possible by a ship's doctor or other qualified medical practitioner). <i>*Vague terms such as "missing" are to be avoided.</i>	
Name of next of kin, Relationship to the deceased	
Address of next of kin if different to usual residence	

Isle of Man Superintendent's Attestation (where applicable)	Master's Attestation*
I certify the Return was made to me at the date and place stated below. I have examined the Official Log Book entries. I have / have not* held a Death Inquiry under Section 45 Isle of Man (Masters and Seamen) Act 1979. <i>*delete as applicable</i>	I certify the information contained in the Return is correct and true and for a death the deceased's next of kin has been informed.
Forename & Surname of Officer: Signature	Forename & Surname of Master: Signature
Title of Officer..... Date	Date
Port..... Stamp	Number of pages attached to the Return:..... Ship's Stamp <i>*In the event of the master's death the seafarer in command of the ship.</i>

Return of a Birth		
Date of birth		
Place of birth (port or latitude and longitude if at sea)		
Forenames (if any) and surname of child		
Sex		
Father*	Forename and surname. Nationality. Occupation, rank or profession.	
	Usual residence address	
Mother	Forename and surname (and maiden surname if applicable) Nationality	
	Usual residence address	
Signatures (optional)	Mother	
	Father*	

*If the child is illegitimate, particulars relating to the father must not be entered unless a written request signed by the mother and the person acknowledging himself to be the father is given to the Master or Superintendent making the Return.

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Forename & Surname of Officer Signature	Forename & Surname of Master Signature
Title of Officer..... Date	Date
Port..... Stamp	Number of pages attached to the Return:..... Ship's Stamp <i>*In the event of the master's death the seafarer in command of the ship.</i>