



## Return of Births and Deaths (RBD 1)

### For the purpose of Regulation 45 of the Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Safety, etc.) Act, 1993 as amended

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

Gibraltar Maritime Administration  
HM Government of Gibraltar  
Watergate House  
2/8 Casemates Square  
Gibraltar  
GX11 1AA

Tel: +350 200 46861

E-mail: [maritime.survey@gibraltar.gov.gi](mailto:maritime.survey@gibraltar.gov.gi) /  
[maritime.seafarers@gibraltar.gov.gi](mailto:maritime.seafarers@gibraltar.gov.gi)

Name of Ship	Official number/IMO Number	Port of Registry (if the ship is registered outside Gibraltar or is unregistered state also the name and address of owners)

### Instructions to Masters <sup>1</sup>

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.

<p><b>Gibraltar Ships (Registered &amp; Unregistered)</b> The Master is required to make a Return of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any birth of a child</li> <li>Any death in the ship <sup>2</sup></li> <li>The death of any person employed in the ship, where it occurred outside Gibraltar</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Ships</b> 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 Colonies <sup>3</sup> which has occurred in the ship during the voyage.</p> <p><b>Instructions to Consuls, Shipping Masters and Superintendents</b> The officer receiving a Return from a Master must be satisfied that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>The person making the Return is the Master of the ship.</li> <li>The vessel is a sea-going ship.</li> <li>The entry in this Return and in the Official Log Book (where carried) are consistent with one another.</li> </ul>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In the event of difficulties, assistance should be sought from the GMA at the above address.</p> <p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master includes every person (except a pilot) having command or charge of any ship.</li> <li>In the ship includes: in a ship's boat or life-raft; being lost from a ship includes: a ship's boat or life-raft.</li> <li>Citizen of the UK and Colonies under the British Nationality Act 1981 means a person who is a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>British Citizen</li> <li>British Dependant Territories Citizen</li> <li>British Overseas Citizen</li> <li>British National (Overseas), (under the Hong Kong 'British Nationality' order 1986)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
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**PART A: DEATH AT SEA:  
PARTICULARS OF DECEASED**

<b>Date of Death</b>	
<b>Place of Death or loss (Latitude and Longitude if at sea)</b>	
<b>Name and Surname of Deceased (also maiden name of woman who has married, if known)</b>	
<b>Sex</b>	
<b>Date of Birth (if known) or age</b>	
<b>Occupation, rank or profession</b>	
<b>Usual residence at time of Death</b>	
<b>Nationality</b>	
<b>Cause of Death</b>  <b>Certified correct by ship's doctor or other Medical Practitioner (where possible)</b>  <small>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.</small>	

<b>Certificate to be signed by the Master</b>  <b>I Certify that:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This Return is correct and true</li> <li>• I have recorded the Death in the Official Log Book or other record of the ship</li> </ul> <small>The extract from the Official Log Book at page 4 of this Return is a true extract</small>	<b>Signature of Master</b>  <b>Full name of Master (in capitals)</b>  <b>Date:</b>
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<b>Certificate to be signed by the Proper Officer to whom this return is delivered.</b>  <b>I Certify that:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This report was made to me at the date and place shown above.</li> <li>• I have examined the Official Log Book containing the relevant entries</li> <li>• I *have/have not held an inquiry under Section 92 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1993 (*please delete as appropriate).</li> </ul>	<b>Signature of Proper Officer</b>  <b>Full name of Proper Officer (in capitals)</b>  <b>Date:</b>
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**PART B: BIRTH AT SEA:****DETAILS OF BIRTH**

<b>Date of Birth</b>		
<b>Place of Birth (Latitude and Longitude if at sea)</b>		
<b>Forenames (if any) and Surname of child</b>		
<b>Sex</b>		
<b>FATHER*</b>	<b>Name, Surname and Occupation</b>	
	<b>Usual residence &amp; Nationality</b>	

\*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.**

<b>MOTHER</b>	<b>Name, Surname and Occupation</b>	
	<b>Maiden surname and Surname at Marriage if different</b>	
	<b>Usual Residence and Nationality</b>	

**Signature of Father and/or Mother of the child**

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

**Name:**

**Relationship**

*and*

**Address of next of kin:**

**Discharge Book Number:**

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

<b>Date and hours of the occurrence</b>	<b>Place of the occurrence or situation by Latitude and Longitude at sea</b>	<b>Date of entry</b>	<b>Entries required by Regulations made under Section 45 and 48 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1993</b>