

Isle of Man Ship Registry

Registry Advice Note



PERSONS QUALIFIED TO OWN A MANX SHIP	Ref. 02-16 Issued 05/12/2022
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The following persons and organisations are qualified to own a Manx ship under Section 2 of the Merchant Shipping Registration Act 1991:

Individuals.

- British Citizens;
- British Overseas Territory Citizens;
- British Overseas Citizens;
- British Subjects;
- British Nationals (Overseas); or
- A citizen of any of the countries listed in Schedule 1.

Bodies Corporate.

Bodies Corporate incorporated in any of the following countries and having their principal place of business in any of the following countries:

- The Isle of Man;
- The United Kingdom;
- The Channel Islands; or
- Any of the countries listed in Schedule 1.

Limited Partnerships.

1. Limited partnerships must:

a) have their principal place of business in:

- The Isle of Man;
- The United Kingdom;
- The Channel Islands; or
- Any of the countries listed in Schedule 1, **AND**



- b) be registered in any of the countries listed in paragraph 2; **AND**
- c) have a general partner which is:
- i) an individual resident in any of the countries listed in paragraph 2; **OR**
 - ii) a body corporate incorporated and which has its principal place of business in any of the countries listed in paragraph 2.

2. Countries

- The Isle of Man;
 - Belgium;
 - Bermuda;
 - The Cayman Islands;
 - Denmark;
 - Germany;
 - Malta;
 - Norway;
 - Sweden;
 - The Netherlands; or
 - The United Kingdom.
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Please note - The Isle of Man Ship Registry cannot give legal advice. Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel. You should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position



Schedule 1

<p>European Union:</p> <p>Austria Belgium Bulgaria Croatia Cyprus Czech Republic Denmark Estonia Finland France Germany Greece Hungary Ireland Italy Latvia Lithuania Luxembourg Malta Poland Portugal Romania Slovakia Slovenia Spain Sweden Netherlands</p> <p>European Economic Area:</p> <p>Iceland Liechtenstein Norway</p>	<p>British Overseas Territories:</p> <p>Anguilla Bermuda British Antarctic Territory British Indian Ocean Territory British Virgin Islands Caymans Islands Falkland Islands Gibraltar Montserrat Pitcairn Islands St Helena, Ascension and Tristan Da Cunha South Georgia South Sandwich Islands Sovereign base areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia Turks and Caicos Islands</p> <p>Other countries:</p> <p>Australia Bahamas Canada China Hong Kong India Japan Liberia Marshall Islands Monaco New Zealand Pakistan Panama Singapore South Africa South Korea Switzerland United Arab Emirates United States of America</p>
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