



# NAOERO

## MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

### TRANSITION FROM “NAURU” TO “NAOERO” (NMA\_C81.2026. Rev.0)

#### (a) DEFINITIONS:

The following abbreviations stand for:

1. **“COE”** – Certificate of Endorsement
2. **“RO”** – Recognized Organization duly authorized by the Administration to carry out statutory surveys, audits and certification on its behalf.

The following terms shall mean:

3. **“Administration”** – Naoero Maritime Administration.
4. **“Nauru”** – the former country name used in existing Registry records and documents.
5. **“Naoero”** – the new country name adopted by the Government.

#### (b) REFERENCES:

1. Constitution (Amendment) (No.2) Act 2026
2. Constitution of Naoero

#### (c) PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Circular is to advise all concerned parties of the transition from “Nauru” / “Republic of Nauru” to “Naoero” / “Republic of Naoero”, respectively, following the Government's official change of country name.

#### (d) APPLICATION:

This Circular applies to all vessels registered with the Administration and to all related certificates, documents, records, vessel markings and electronic systems referring to “Nauru”, “Republic of Nauru” or “Nauru Maritime Administration”.

#### (e) CONTENTS:

1. General Information:
  - 1.1. The change of country name is administrative in nature and does not constitute a change of flag, re-registration, change of nationality, or change in the legal status of any vessel registered with the Administration.
  - 1.2. The Administration shall progressively replace references to “Nauru”, “Republic of Nauru” and “Nauru Maritime Administration” with “Naoero”, “Republic of Naoero” and “Naoero Maritime Administration”, respectively. The Administration's website and email domain shall similarly transition from [naurumaritime.com](http://naurumaritime.com) to [maritimenaero.com](http://maritimenaero.com).
  - 1.3. During the transition, the existing [naurumaritime.com](http://naurumaritime.com) website and email addresses may continue to operate and remain recognized as official communication channels of the Administration.

- 1.4. All new certificates and documents issued by the Administration shall use the new country name, as applicable.
- 1.5. In accordance with the transitional provisions of the Constitution (Amendment) (No.2) Act 2026, references to “Nauru” in existing Registry records and documents shall be deemed to be references to “Naoero”. Accordingly, references to “Nauru” / “Republic of Nauru” and “Naoero” / “Republic of Naoero”, as applicable, shall be understood as referring to the same flag State.
- 1.6. Existing certificates and documents bearing “Nauru” / “Republic of Nauru” shall remain valid and need not be immediately replaced solely as a result of the change of country name. They shall be progressively replaced upon their normal amendment, renewal, replacement or reissuance, with the Administration's transition to the new country name to be completed by 31 December 2031, unless otherwise instructed by the Administration.

## 2. Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR)

- 2.1. All newly issued CSR documents shall use **“Naoero” / “Republic of Naoero”**, as applicable.
- 2.2. Existing CSR documents bearing **“Nauru” / “Republic of Nauru”** shall remain valid and shall be reissued by the Administration in connection with the vessel's next annual registration renewal to reflect the new country name.

## 3. Certificates of Endorsement (COE) for Seafarers

- 3.1. All newly issued or reissued COEs for seafarers shall use **“Naoero” / “Republic of Naoero”**, as applicable.
- 3.2. Existing COEs bearing **“Nauru” / “Republic of Nauru”** shall remain valid until their normal expiry date and are not required to be reissued solely due to the change of country name.

## 4. Port of Registry and Vessel Marking

- 4.1. The Port of Registry shall be changed from **“Nauru”** to **“Naoero”**.
- 4.2. Existing vessels are not required to immediately change their Port of Registry marking. Owners are, however, encouraged to change the marking from “NAURU” to “NAOERO” at an earlier convenient opportunity, such as during dry-docking, scheduled repairs or an annual survey. In any event, the change shall be completed no later than the vessel's next renewal survey or 31 December 2031, whichever is earlier.
- 4.3. Where the marking is changed before the vessel's next renewal survey, the Owner shall advise the Administration and RO accordingly. The updated marking shall be verified by the RO at its next attendance on board.
- 4.4. During the transition, vessels may carry documentation referring to “Naoero” while the physical Port of Registry marking remains “Nauru”, or vice versa. Such difference shall not affect the validity of the vessel's registration or statutory certification.

## 5. Statutory Certificates

- 5.1. Existing statutory certificates bearing “Nauru” / “Republic of Nauru” shall remain valid and need not be reissued solely due to the change of country name.

- 5.2. Authorized ROs shall use “Naoero” / “Republic of Naoero”, as applicable, when a statutory certificate is next renewed, replaced or reissued.
- 5.3. The existing survey cycle, anniversary date and certificate validity shall not be affected solely by the change from “Nauru” to “Naoero”.
6. Responsibilities of Owners / Managers - Owners and Managers shall:
  - 6.1. maintain a copy of this Circular on board during the transition;
  - 6.2. coordinate with the Administration and RO for the progressive update of certificates, documents and the Port of Registry marking in accordance with this Circular; and
  - 6.3. progressively update applicable company and shipboard records when next amended, renewed or reissued.
7. Responsibilities of Recognized Organizations (ROs) - all ROs authorized by the Administration shall:
  - 7.1. progressively update their systems and certificate templates to reflect “Naoero” / “Republic of Naoero”;
  - 7.2. continue to recognize existing statutory certificates bearing “Nauru” until their normal renewal, replacement or reissuance;
  - 7.3. verify the change of the vessel's Port of Registry marking at their next attendance on board following the change, or no later than the vessel's next renewal survey; and
  - 7.4. ensure that no survey cycle, anniversary date or certificate validity is altered solely as a result of the change of country name.
8. For Port State Authorities / Port State Control Officers
  - 8.1. For the avoidance of doubt, certificates and documents validly issued under “Nauru” / “Republic of Nauru” shall remain valid until their applicable renewal, expiry, amendment, replacement or reissuance in accordance with this Circular.
  - 8.2. The temporary coexistence of certificates, documents or vessel markings bearing “Nauru” and “Naoero” shall not affect the vessel's registration, statutory certification, nationality or flag status.
  - 8.3. Port State authorities and other concerned parties are kindly requested to take note of these transitional arrangements. A copy of this Circular shall be maintained on board during the transition and made available when required.

For further assistance, please contact the Administration at: [flag@maritimenaoero.com](mailto:flag@maritimenaoero.com). During the transition period, correspondence sent to [flag@naurumaritime.com](mailto:flag@naurumaritime.com) will continue to be received.