

Merchant Shipping Act, 1958

Section 259 - CERTAIN SHIPS TO CARRY MEDICAL OFFICER AND ATTENDANTS

1) Every ship carrying 180 [special trade passengers] and crew not exceeding one thousand in number, shall have on board as part of her complement at least one medical officer possessing such qualification as may be prescribed. (2) Every ship carrying 180 [special trade passengers] and crew exceeding one thousand in number shall, in addition to a medical officer, have on board as part of her complement such number of medical attendants as may be prescribed. (3) Every ship carrying 180 [special trade passengers] shall be provided with a hospital with such medical stores and equipment as may be prescribed. 181[(4) (a) Every pilgrim ship carrying pilgrims and crew not exceeding one thousand in number shall have on board a medical officer possessing such qualifications as may be prescribed, and, if the number of pilgrims and crew carried exceeds one thousand, a second medical officer similarly qualified and also in all cases such medical attendants as may be prescribed. (b) A medical officer of every pilgrim ship shall perform such duties and functions, keep such diaries and submit such reports or other returns as may be prescribed. (c) No medical officer or attendant on a pilgrim ship shall charge any pilgrim on such ship for his services.]