

PASSENGER SIZE

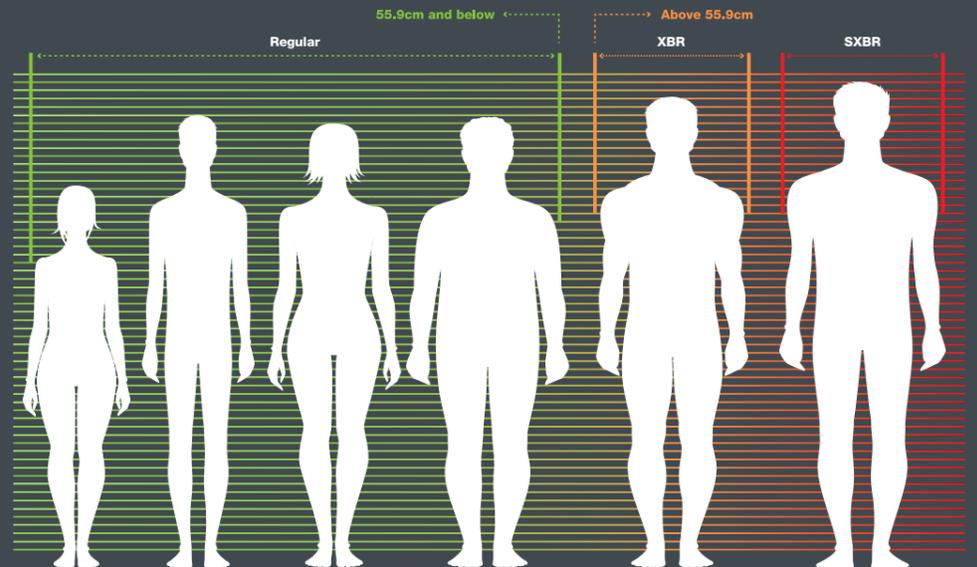
The criteria comes in response to the size restrictions announced by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in February 2014.

From 1st April 2015, all passengers travelling offshore by helicopter will be required to sit in a seat where the nearest underwater emergency exit is compatible with their body size. Helicopter passengers will be measured by the width of their shoulders and those whose shoulder width is greater than 55.9cm will be classified as Extra Broad (XBR).

Extra Broad passengers will be allocated to seats with access to one of the larger exits (Type IV size or larger) that are required on all helicopters by the design rules. These exits have a minimum diagonal measurement of 68.6cm. This is not necessarily a window seat.

Why can't the windows be made bigger?

Changing the size of a window in an existing aircraft is impractical and could jeopardise the structural integrity of the airframe. The latest aircraft have bigger windows and the design rules are being reviewed to mandate this improvement for all new designs.



ARMBAND CODE

If you are classified as an XBR, it is recorded in VANTAGE and the flight manifest. You will be given a disposable checked armband at heliport departures and a second disposable armband to put in your pocket for the return journey. This allows all staff to easily identify you to make sure you are sitting in the correct XBR seat. It is important to sit in the correct seat to ensure every passenger has access to an exit which is compatible with their size. If you are a new start and classified as XBR, you will wear a green armband and a black and white checked one.



Green armband:

This is the armband which will be used if you are a new start offshore.



Checked armband:

This is the armband which will be used if you are classified as XBR.

How Will Measurements Be Taken?

Measurements will be taken by using a set of approved callipers across the shoulders. This will be done by someone who has been specifically trained to use this equipment for this purpose.

The callipers will have measurements on them which will be recorded in VANTAGE. The measurements will be taken from your skin, so it is recommended that you wear a sleeveless top for an accurate representation.

You will be measured twice and your result will be based on the average of the two. In cases where the two measurements differ beyond an acceptable reliability a third measure will be taken and your result will be based on the middle value of the three measurements. This will eliminate any risk of error and will prevent any misleading

readings. You will be told immediately what your shoulder width is.

Measurements will be taken offshore and onshore at occupational health providers and training providers. This will enable the entire offshore workforce to be measured before 1st April 2015. After this date, measurements will be available from occupational health providers in addition to the medical as well as training providers.

Seat restrictions will officially come into effect on the 1st April 2015.

For more information on courses, visit: www.stepchangeinsafety.net/newsevents/comingevents.cfm

ALLOCATED SEATING

At least **30%** of the seats on a helicopter will be allocated to **XBR** passengers.

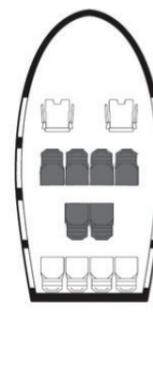
The allocated seats are adjacent to a **type IV** or bigger window as highlighted by the grey seats.

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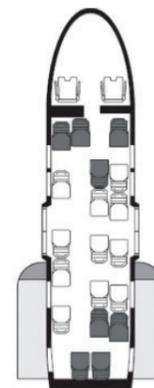
XBR allocation to be advised ASAP.



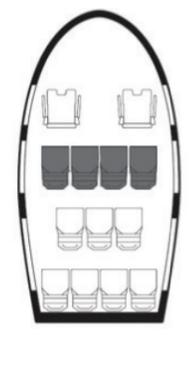
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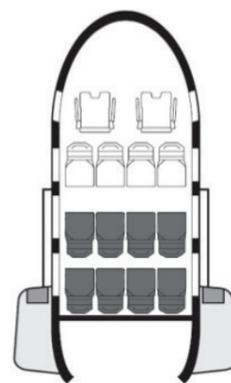


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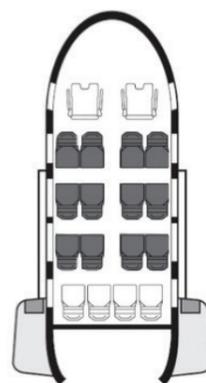


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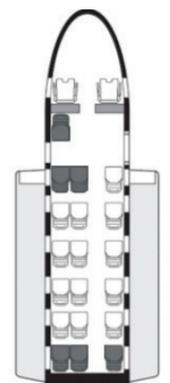
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S92



LOOK OUT FOR:
A chequered headrest.



This is an allocated seat for someone classed as XBR