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Subject: **NEW DIGITAL PROCESS FOR MARINE MEDICAL CERTIFICATES**

Purpose

This bulletin is to inform seafarers and marine stakeholders of the new process for the issuance of provisional marine medical certificates, which involves the digital submission of Marine Medical Examination Reports to the Transport Canada Marine Medical Unit.

Scope

This bulletin provides:

- An overview of the new digital process for marine medical certificates.
- A sample of the new look of the printed provisional medical certificates when the digital submission method is being used.

What you need to know

Transport Canada’s Marine Safety and Security is modernizing how the marine medical program delivers services to seafarers and other clients and stakeholders.

Starting in 2023 a new secure online tool will enable Marine Medical Examiners to digitally complete the Marine Medical Examination Report and digitally submit it to the Transport Canada Marine Medical Unit upon completion.

The new online tool will enable Marine Medical Examiners to complete the Marine Medical Examination Report (MMER) digitally upon completion and submit it directly to Transport Canada’s Marine Medical Unit. Several marine medical examiners have been

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piloting the process while others are currently receiving training on the use of the tool. The implementation of this new online tool for Marine Medical Examiners will occur in stages with the eventual goal of its mandatory usage by all Marine Medical Examiners.

This new process will save MMER processing time since the results of the examination will be sent digitally to the Transport Canada Marine Medical Unit and there will be mandatory field completion requirements and some fields prompting examiners to include medical details when required. Upon receiving the completed MMER Transport Canada's Marine Medical Unit will review the MMER and either issue the marine medical certificate, issue a letter advising of fitness assessment status and/or send a letter requesting supplemental health information.

Another advantage of this new digital process is that upon submission of the Report to Transport Canada's Marine Medical Unit, the validity of the provisional medical certificate will be immediately verifiable online using the following link:

- [Canadian Maritime Document \(CMD\) Verification – Search.](#)

With this new process, seafarers will still be able to obtain a paper version of their provisional medical certificate at the end of the examination, if determined Fit or Fit with Limitations.

For comparison, please see

- Annex A for the sample of what the printed provisional marine medical certificate (MMC) using the digital process will look like; and
- Annex B contains a sample of the current/older version of the provisional MMC.

Annex A

Sample of new provisional MMC produced via online tool.



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PROTECTED B (WHEN COMPLETED)

PROVISIONAL MARINE MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

This certificate meets the requirements of both the *STCW Convention, 1978*, as amended and the *Maritime Labour Convention, 2006*.

PART A PERSONAL SEAFARER INFORMATION					
Surname		First name		Nationality	
Sex <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female		Date of birth (yyyy-mm-dd)		CDN number	
Occupation <input type="radio"/> Deck <input type="radio"/> Engine <input type="radio"/> Catering <input type="radio"/> Other (specify): _____					
Current employer					
ID confirmation <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> First time <input type="radio"/> Renewal Justification if less than 2 years: _____					
Apt no	Street no	Street		City	Province
Country		Postal code	Home phone	Cell phone	Email
PART B CONCLUSION AND ASSESSMENT					
Visual acuity <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		Visual aids <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		Fit for lookout duties <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
				Colour vision <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
Date of test (yyyy-mm-dd)					
Hearing					
Meets standards unaided <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		If no, meets standards aided <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		Date of test (yyyy-mm-dd)	
Assessment of Candidate					
The seafarer named in this document has been identified and examined by a designated Marine Medical Examiner and has been found to be free from any medical condition likely to be aggravated by service at sea, or to render the seafarer unfit for such service, or to endanger the health of other persons on board.					
<input type="radio"/> Fit <input type="radio"/> Fit with limitations described below					
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited contiguous waters		<input type="checkbox"/> Near coastal, class 1		<input type="checkbox"/> Near coastal, class 2	
<input type="checkbox"/> No watchkeeping duties					
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____					

Examining physician's name

Place MME stamp here

Date of examination (yyyy-mm-dd)

Examining physician's signature

Seafarer's signature

Expiration date (not to exceed 6 months) (yyyy-mm-dd)

Annex B - Sample of current provisional paper MMC.

 Transport Canada / Transports Canada		TRANSPORTS DU CANADA PROVISIONAL MARINE MEDICAL CERTIFICATE CERTIFICAT MÉDICAL PROVISOIRE DE LA MARINE		E [REDACTED]
This certificate meets the requirements of both the <i>STCW Convention, 1978</i> , as amended and the <i>Maritime Labour Convention, 2006</i> . Ce certificat est conforme aux exigences de la <i>Convention STCW de 1978</i> , telle qu'amendée, et de la <i>Convention du travail maritime, 2006</i> .				
PART A (TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT AND VERIFIED BY EXAMINER) PARTIE A « À COMPLÉTER PAR LE CANDIDAT ET À VÉRIFIER PAR L'EXAMINATEUR »				
Family name – Nom de famille		Given name – Prénom		Nationality – Nationalité
Sex – Sexe <input type="radio"/> Male / Masculin <input type="radio"/> Female / Féminin		Date of birth – Date de naissance		CDN number – N° de candidat (CDN)
Occupation – Occupation <input type="radio"/> Deck service / Service du pont <input type="radio"/> Engine service / Services des machines <input type="radio"/> Catering service / Service de restauration <input type="radio"/> Other (specify): / Autre (préciser) :				
PART B (TO BE COMPLETED BY EXAMINER) PARTIE B « À COMPLÉTER PAR L'EXAMINATEUR »				
ID Confirmation – Confirmation d'identité <input type="radio"/> Yes / Oui <input type="radio"/> No / Non <input type="radio"/> First time applicant / Première demande <input type="radio"/> Renewal / Renouvellement Justification if less than 2 years: / Justification si moins de 2 ans :				
Visual acuity – Acuité visuelle <input type="radio"/> Yes / Oui <input type="radio"/> No / Non		Visual aids – Aides visuelles <input type="radio"/> Yes / Oui <input type="radio"/> No / Non		Fit for lookout duties – Apte aux tâches liées à la veille <input type="radio"/> Yes / Oui <input type="radio"/> No / Non
Colour vision – Perception des couleurs <input type="radio"/> Yes / Oui <input type="radio"/> No / Non		Date of test: / Date d'examen : _____		
Hearing – Audition Meets standards unaided / Conforme aux normes sans aide <input type="radio"/> Yes / Oui <input type="radio"/> No / Non if no, meets standards aided – Si non, conforme aux normes avec aide <input type="radio"/> Yes / Oui <input type="radio"/> No / Non Date of test: / Date d'examen : _____				
Assessment of Candidate – Evaluation du candidat The seafarer named in this document has been identified and examined by a designated Marine Medical Examiner and has been found to be free from any medical condition likely to be aggravated by service at sea, or to render the seafarer unfit for such service, or to endanger the health of other persons on board. Le marin nommé dans ce document a été identifié et examiné par un médecin examinateur de la marine et il n'y existe aucune condition médicale qui pourrait être aggravée par le service en mer, ou rendre le marin inapte au service en mer, ou mettre en danger la santé des personnes à bord.				
<input type="radio"/> Fit / Apte <input type="radio"/> Fit with limitations described below / Apte avec les restrictions indiquées ci-dessous				
<input type="checkbox"/> No watchkeeping duties / Pas de fonction de quart <input type="checkbox"/> Limited contiguous waters / Limité, eaux contiguës <input type="checkbox"/> Near coastal, class 1 / À proximité du littoral, classe 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Near coastal, class 2 / À proximité du littoral, classe 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): / Autre (préciser) : _____				
Examining physician's printed name / Médecin examinateur (en lettres moulées)		Place MME stamp here / Apposez l'estampille du MEM ici		Date of examination / Date de l'examen
Examining physician's signature / Signature du médecin examinateur		Expiration date (not to exceed 6 months) / Date d'expiration (ne doit pas dépasser 6 mois)		
Applicant's signature / Signature du candidat				