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**CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL FITNESS
FOR REVALIDATION OF A MARINE CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY**

1. TO THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY HOLDER (Please complete your details below)

You will need to provide evidence to the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure that you are medically fit to operate or crew a commercial vessel. Please have your Medical Practitioner complete the Eyesight Certificate below. (Note: an Optician or other registered Eye Specialist can complete the Eyesight Certificate). Please complete your details below. The fee for the doctor's appointment is your responsibility. Please inform the doctor of your application type, i.e. deck or engine room and what level of certificate you are applying for.

Family name Date of birth / /

Given name(s)

Residential address

Suburb State Postcode

Signature Date / /

Note: In signing this form you consent to your doctor releasing to the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure any medical information that may affect your ability to hold a Certificate of Competency to operate or crew a commercial vessel.

2. TO THE OPTOMETRIST, EYE SPECIALIST OR MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (EYESIGHT STANDARDS ON PAGE 3)

The applicant named above is required to provide evidence that they are medically fit to operate or crew a commercial vessel according to the *Harbors and Navigation Regulations 1994*. Please complete the **Eyesight Certificate** below.

I have examined the applicant and find their eyesight to be: (please refer to page 3 for standards)

Letter test (Indicate standard of each eye)		N5 Chart: 300-500mm (Pass or fail)	
With Aids to Vision (If applicable)	Left: Right:	Left: Pass / Fail	Right: Pass / Fail
Without Aids	Left: Right:	Left: Pass / Fail	Right: Pass / Fail

Practitioner's name

Business address

Suburb State Postcode

Daytime phone number Provider number

Practitioner's signature Date /

This Eyesight Certificate is only valid for six months from the date of issue.

3. TO THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONER OR SPECIALIST (MEDICAL STANDARDS ON PAGE 4)

The applicant named herein is required to provide evidence that they are medically fit to operate or crew a commercial vessel according to the *Harbors and Navigation Regulations 1994*. Please complete the **Medical Certificate** below.

1. **Hernia:** Does the applicant have a hernia condition? Yes No
a) If **yes**, has it been corrected satisfactorily by a curative operation? Yes No
b) If the applicant has **not** had a curative operation, would the applicant be able to perform their duties with the condition? Yes No
2. **Speech:** Does the applicant have clear speech without hesitation? Yes No
3. **Hearing:** Can the applicant hear in accordance with the approved testing of the whispered voice, watch or other approved tests? Yes No
a) If **no**, and the hearing level is less than the standard (see page 4), is the applicant able to hear to the standards when using hearing aids? Yes No
4. **Artificial limbs:** Does the applicant have artificial limbs? Yes No
a) If **yes**, can the applicant perform without the artificial limb(s) interfering with their normal duties? Yes No
5. **Cardiac pacemaker:** Does the applicant have a cardiac pacemaker? Yes No
a) If **yes**, taking into account the nature of the disease and the reliability of the pacemaker, is the applicant considered fit? Yes No
6. **Epilepsy:** Does the applicant have current epilepsy, irrespective of control medication? Yes No
7. **Diabetes:** Does the applicant have insulin-dependent diabetes? Yes No
8. **Tuberculosis:** Has the applicant been affected by pulmonary tuberculosis? Yes No
a) If **yes**, is the disease controlled or been inactive for at least the previous 6 months? Yes No
9. **Other:** Does the applicant suffer from any other condition, which in your opinion may affect their ability to operate **or** crew a commercial vessel. Yes No
a) If **yes**, please give details:

Practitioner's name

Business address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Daytime phone number

Provider number

Practitioner's signature

Date

This Medical Certificate is only valid for six months from the date of issue.

4. EYESIGHT STANDARDS

EYESIGHT (VISION)

Vision tests

- Vision tests shall be conducted by a suitably qualified optometrist, eye specialist or medical practitioner, who will provide the applicant with documentation (this form or similar) to testify the result.

Use of aids to vision

- Aids to vision are the only optical aid that may be used in a vision test.
- A person whose eyesight test results indicates that an aid to vision was used for the purpose of being found medically fit shall, at all times when on duty on a vessel, use such aid when appropriate and keep a spare aid to vision available.

Deck Crew

- Deck crew are required to demonstrate that their vision meets the standard specified in **Table A** below.
- Persons with only one eye, or poor vision in one eye (i.e. monocular vision) may be issued with a Certificate of Competency.
Note: Persons with monocular vision and those employing or supervising persons with monocular vision need to be aware of the dangers of operating cranes and other similar lifting appliances where monocular vision may limit depth perception and impact safety.

Table A – Eyesight (Vision) tests – Deck Crew

With or without aids to vision	Without aids to vision
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Snellen Principle 6/6 (0.0 LogMar) in the better eye.• Snellen Principle 6/9 (0.2 LogMar) in the other eye.• Read N5 chart at 300–500mm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Snellen Principle 6/60 (1.0 LogMar) in each eye.

Note: Candidates should achieve the standards provided in both columns.

Engine Crew

- Deck crew are required to demonstrate that their vision meets the standard specified in **Table B** below.
- Persons with only one eye, or poor vision in one eye (i.e. monocular vision) may be issued with a Certificate of Competency.
Note: Persons with monocular vision and those employing or supervising persons with monocular vision need to be aware of the dangers of operating cranes and other similar lifting appliances where monocular vision may limit depth perception and impact safety.

Table B – Eyesight (Vision) tests – Engine Crew

With or without aids to vision	Without aids to vision
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Snellen Principle 6/9 (0.2 LogMar) in one eye.• Snellen Principle 6/9 (0.2 LogMar) in the other eye.• Read N5 chart at 300–500mm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Snellen Principle 6/60 (1.0 LogMar) in each eye.

Note: Candidates should achieve the standards provided in both columns.

5. MEDICAL STANDARDS

Examinations

For the purpose of gaining a certificate of medical fitness, medical examinations shall be conducted by a suitably qualified medical practitioner, who will provide the applicant with documentation (e.g. Medical Certificate) to testify to the result.

Requirements

Medical fitness should be based on normal criteria.

In determining whether or not an applicant meets the medical fitness requirements in these standards, due account should be taken by the medical practitioner in the case of an examination for a certificate of medical fitness, of the following:

- a) The nature of employment for which certification is intended; and
- b) The medical and employment history of the person.

Hernia

No condition of hernia, unless satisfactorily corrected by a curative operation with the exception of:

- a) A small inguinal hernia where there is no risk of strangulation and where there is surgical opinion to state that there is no clinical indication for surgery and the applicant may be accepted as fit for lifting tasks; and
- b) A diaphragmatic hernia without disabling reflux oesophagitis or other symptoms.

Speech

An applicant's speech should be clear and without hesitation such that orders can be communicated effectively to other crew during times of emergency and messages can be transmitted and understood on a radio.

Hearing

The whispered voice, a watch, or other proven tests should test hearing ability. However, where there is doubt as to the fitness of a person, testing should be conducted by means of an audiogram.

When an audiogram is used the hearing requirements are:

- a) Hearing loss in the better ear shall not be greater than 40 decibels (AMA standard) for the frequencies of 500 Hz, 1000 Hz and 2000 Hz.
- b) Where hearing level is less than the above standards, hearing aids may be accepted, providing the above levels can be reached when using the aid.

Artificial limbs

Artificial limbs shall not interfere with the normal duties the holder of the certificate would be expected to perform and each case will be considered by the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure on its merit.

Cardiac pacemaker

A person with a cardiac pacemaker shall not serve on a vessel unless a medical practitioner, taking into account the nature of the disease and the reliability of the pacemaker, provides a statement that the person can undertake the normal duties the holder of the certificate would be expected to perform, and the safe operation of the vessel will not be affected.

Epilepsy

A person with confirmed, current epilepsy, irrespective of control medications shall not serve on a vessel.

A person with a past history of epilepsy, including febrile convulsions as a child, a single seizure or cluster of seizures due to exceptional and non-repeatable circumstances, who has demonstrated a seizure-free period of two years while not on any anticonvulsant medication, is fit for service on a vessel.

Diabetes

A person suffering from insulin-dependent diabetes may be approved to serve on a vessel providing a medical practitioner provides a statement that the person is managing the diabetes effectively.

Tuberculosis

A person who has been affected by pulmonary tuberculosis shall not serve on a vessel unless the disease is controlled or has been inactive in that person for at least the previous six months.