

GENERAL INFORMATION	
KEYWORDS	Marine medical certificate, bipolar disorder
FILE NO.	MH-0039-21
SECTOR (Marine or Aviation)	Marine
SPECIFIC JOB	Unemployed
DIAGNOSIS (Primary, Secondary, etc.)	Bipolar disorder
REVIEW	
DATE OF DETERMINATION	July 22, 2010
MEMBER	Dr. Michel Larose
DETERMINATION	The member confirms the Minister of Transport's decision to cancel the temporary marine medical certificate issued to the applicant.
REASONS FOR THE DETERMINATION	
<p>Cancellation of a temporary marine medical certificate — The applicant's disease (bipolar disorder) has been evolving since 1994 with severe episodes of relapse, recurrence, and exacerbation. His June 2009 episode was particularly disturbing, since there is no evidence that was provided which shows a serious psychiatric medical monitoring or rehabilitation for alcohol and drug addictions, or regular monitoring by specialized workers for this kind of problem. For the drug addiction, the Tribunal must also take into consideration the four following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • chronic abuse of one or more substances, • ensuing prolonged addiction, • habits of consumption, and • remission date. <p>Based on these reasons, the applicant is not suitable to hold a position of seaman. The Minister of Transport's decision is confirmed.</p>	
APPEAL	
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OTHER/COMMENTS	