

<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b>	
<b>KEYWORDS</b>	Marine medical certificate, mental health, bipolar disorder
<b>FILE NO.</b>	MH-0183-28
<b>SECTOR (Marine or Aviation)</b>	Marine
<b>SPECIFIC JOB</b>	Deck hand
<b>DIAGNOSIS (Primary, Secondary, etc.)</b>	Bipolar Disorder Type 1
<b>REVIEW</b>	
<b>DATE OF DETERMINATION</b>	July 9, 2014
<b>MEMBER</b>	Dr. George Pugh
<b>DETERMINATION</b>	The Minister's decision is confirmed.
<b>REASONS FOR THE DETERMINATION</b>	Refusal to issue a marine medical certificate – Based on the medical reports, it is clear that the applicant has Bipolar Disorder Type 1 and has required admission to hospital on four occasions for treatment. The applicant's current treatment for this condition includes both Carbamazepine and Risperidone on a long-term basis. The ILO/IMO guidelines on the medical examination of seafarers concerning mental, cognitive and behavioural disorders confirm that permanent denial of a marine medical certificate is appropriate. Transport Canada guidelines are based on STCW standards and the IMO international guidelines to which Canada is signatory. The Minister's decision not to issue a marine medical certificate is confirmed.
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<b>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</b>	
<b>OTHER/COMMENTS</b>	