

GENERAL INFORMATION	
KEYWORDS	Marine medical certificate, mental health
FILE NO.	MH-0231-28
SECTOR (Marine or Aviation)	Marine
SPECIFIC JOB	Unemployed
DIAGNOSIS (Primary, Secondary, etc.)	Recurrent psychosis
REVIEW	
DATE OF DETERMINATION	April 16, 2013
MEMBER	Dr. Trevor Allan Gillmore
DETERMINATION	The Minister of Transport's decision not to issue a marine medical certificate is confirmed.
REASONS FOR THE DETERMINATION	Refusal to issue a marine medical certificate – the applicant was assessed by the Minister as “unfit” to hold a marine medical certificate based on the applicant's diagnosis of recurrent psychosis and the unpredictability of the disease, its potential for affecting one's function, and its possible impact on one's safety-critical role. During the testimony of the Minister's doctor and the applicant, it became evident that medical certification could not be granted to the applicant because he suffers from a disorder that is incompatible with safely performing seafarers' duties. The Minister's decision not to issue a marine medical certificate is confirmed.
APPEAL	
DATE OF DECISION	
MEMBERS	
DECISION	
REASONS FOR THE DECISION	
OTHER/COMMENTS	
This file was heard at the same time as file MH-0171-28. This decision addresses both files.	