

GENERAL INFORMATION	
KEYWORDS	Marine medical certificate, mental health, schizophrenia
FILE NO.	MH-0269-28
SECTOR (Marine or Aviation)	Marine
SPECIFIC JOB	Deckhand
DIAGNOSIS (Primary, Secondary, etc.)	Paranoid Schizophrenia
REVIEW	
DATE OF DETERMINATION	April 14, 2015
MEMBER	Dr. Abdo Shabah
DETERMINATION	The Minister's decision is confirmed.
REASONS FOR THE DETERMINATION	Refusal to issue a marine medical certificate (MMC). Considering the applicant's medical condition, paranoid schizophrenia, with multiple episodes of hospitalization including a recent relapse (in 2012), it appears that there is a persistent risk of recurrence, resulting in permanent inability to hold an MMC. The standards that apply in this case specifically deny an MMC to a person diagnosed with schizophrenia; this diagnosis is not in doubt, as the evidence shows. The Minister acted reasonably in refusing to issue the applicant an MMC upon learning of his diagnosis of paranoid schizophrenia.
APPEAL	
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OTHER/COMMENTS	