

GENERAL INFORMATION	
KEYWORDS	Alcohol abuse, recovery
FILE NO.	P-2182-01
SECTOR (Marine or Aviation)	Aviation
SPECIFIC JOB	Private pilot
DIAGNOSIS (Primary, Secondary, etc.)	Alcohol abuse
REVIEW	
DATE OF DETERMINATION	February 15, 2002
MEMBER	David S. Ahmed
DETERMINATION	The member referred the matter back to the Minister of Transport for reconsideration.
REASONS FOR THE DETERMINATION	Suspension of a medical certificate — The member does concur that there is no dispute that the applicant used to suffer from an alcohol abuse illness, and while he did try to abstain from alcohol in the past, he has had no less than four relapses. However, the applicant has abstained from alcohol for the past 15 months, and the member tends to believe the applicant that this is a permanent decision. The <i>Canadian Aviation Regulations</i> do prohibit any established medical history or clinical diagnosis of alcoholism; however, it also states that “An applicant providing documented proof of recovery from alcohol or chemical dependence or abuse may be considered fit.” Consequently, the member referred the matter back to the Minister of Transport for reconsideration.
APPEAL	
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TC reconsideration: Medical certificate reinstated	