

GENERAL INFORMATION	
KEYWORDS	Category 1 aviation medical certificate, medication, cannabis
FILE NO.	P-4141-01
SECTOR (Marine or Aviation)	Aviation
SPECIFIC JOB	Retired professional pilot
DIAGNOSIS (Primary, Secondary, etc.)	Use of marijuana
REVIEW	
DATE OF DETERMINATION	March 17, 2016
MEMBER	Dr. John M. Sehmer
DETERMINATION	The Minister's decision is confirmed.
REASONS FOR THE DETERMINATION	Suspension of a category 1 aviation medical certificate — The specialists at Transport Canada considered the applicant's regular use of marijuana and concluded this was incompatible with the safe operation of an aircraft, as per the <i>Canadian Aviation Regulations</i> Standards. Their decision was made based on the current lack of evidence regarding the safety of chronic marijuana and flying an airplane. As the applicant is not prepared to give up his regular use of marijuana and submit to testing, the member confirmed the Minister of Transport's decision to suspend the medical certificate of the applicant as he does not meet the requirements for an aviation medical certificate.
APPEAL	
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION	
OTHER/COMMENTS	