

GENERAL INFORMATION	
KEYWORDS	Diplopia, Vision, Category 3 aviation medical certificate
FILE NO.	Q-2073-01
SECTOR (Marine or Aviation)	Aviation
SPECIFIC JOB	Private pilot
DIAGNOSIS (Primary, Secondary, etc.)	Diplopia (double vision)
REVIEW	
DATE OF DETERMINATION	October 10, 2000
MEMBER	Dr. Anne Thériault
DETERMINATION	The Tribunal member referred the matter back to the Minister of Transport for reconsideration.
REASONS FOR THE DETERMINATION	Refusal to renew a category 3 medical certificate — The applicant testified at the hearing that diplopia did appear between 1990 and 1996 and that after orthoptic exercises, it was quite rare, occurring only after working long hours and/or extreme fatigue. It is therefore fairly predictable. There is nothing in the history to indicate that the problem has progressed since 1999. During arguments, Transport Canada maintained that the applicant's medical certificate had been suspended because he did not submit the documents required (additional ophthalmologist's report) by the Aviation Medical Review Board. The applicant insisted that these documents should not be required, that an optometrist's report should suffice, because the diplopia occurs only very occasionally. As the applicant has testified that for those very reasons he does not fly after drinking a beer, and would not fly when very tired, it therefore seems to the Tribunal member, based on the evidence submitted, that the risks of diplopia while flying are virtually nil. For these reasons, the Tribunal member referred the matter back to the Minister of Transport for reconsideration. The Tribunal member also recommended that an optometrist's report confirming the maintenance of fusional reserves be submitted yearly.
APPEAL	
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TC reconsideration: Certificate reinstated by the Minister of Transport	