

GENERAL INFORMATION	
KEYWORDS	Aviation medical certificate, mental health, bipolar disorder, medication
FILE NO.	Q-4073-01
SECTOR (Marine or Aviation)	Aviation
SPECIFIC JOB	Multi-bus driver
DIAGNOSIS (Primary, Secondary, etc.)	Bipolar disorder
REVIEW	
DATE OF DETERMINATION	April 28, 2017
MEMBER	Dr. Robert Perlman
DETERMINATION	The Minister's decision is confirmed.
REASONS FOR THE DETERMINATION	Refusal to renew an aviation medical certificate — The applicant was diagnosed with bipolar disorder in 1999. He has been taking the drug lithium to control the symptoms of his bipolar illness since 2005. Lithium also leads to incapacity. The evidence demonstrates that the side effects of lithium intake can also affect aviation safety in a serious manner. Consequently, the Minister of Transport's decision is confirmed.
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