

GENERAL INFORMATION	
KEYWORDS	Marine medical certificate, vision, restrictions
FILE NO.	MO-0487-21
SECTOR (Marine or Aviation)	Marine
SPECIFIC JOB	College student in the marine navigation program
DIAGNOSIS (Primary, Secondary, etc.)	Defect in visual field
REVIEW	
DATE OF DETERMINATION	July 6, 2018
MEMBER	Dr. Brian Wagg
DETERMINATION	Minister's decision is confirmed.
REASONS FOR THE DETERMINATION	Issuance of a marine medical certificate with limitations – “No Watchkeeping” / the applicant has a defect in his visual fields that falls well below all published standards. These standards for visual fields are clear, with no indication that compromise or flexibility could be exercised. They emphasize that full visual fields are a matter of safety for the individual, their crew and the public. The applicant has coped with the vision deficit since birth and has demonstrated remarkable compensation and adaptation. However, the difference between the standard for visual fields and the applicant's demonstrated visual field defect, in the member's opinion, is too great to accept. For these reasons, the Minister of Transport's decision to issue a marine medical certificate with the limitation of “No Watchkeeping” is confirmed.
APPEAL	
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION	
OTHER/COMMENTS	