

GENERAL INFORMATION	
KEYWORDS	Marine medical certificate, mental health
FILE NO.	MA-0532-28
SECTOR (Marine or Aviation)	Marine
SPECIFIC JOB	Deckhand and bridge watchman
DIAGNOSIS (Primary, Secondary, etc.)	Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
REVIEW	
DATE OF DETERMINATION	February 13, 2020
MEMBER	Dr. Christopher Brooks
DETERMINATION	The Minister's decision is confirmed
REASONS FOR THE DETERMINATION	<p>Refusal to issue a marine medical certificate (MMC) — The applicant was initially issued a provisional certificate. However, the Minister of Transport advised the applicant by letter of the refusal to issue an MMC due to his PTSD. In order for the Minister to reconsider its position, he was requested to provide a detailed report from his psychiatrist, along with a list of medications. The applicant did attempt to comply but was having difficulty obtaining the reports required. Paragraph 270(1)(d) of the <i>Marine Personnel Regulations (MPRs)</i> states that an applicant must possess the physical and mental fitness to meet the occupational and operational requirements of the position they seek to occupy. Furthermore, the Minister must take into account the applicable medical standards and must base its decision as set out in subsection 278(5) of the <i>MPRs</i>. The member agrees that without further information on the applicant's current medical status, the Minister did not have sufficient information to assess the applicant's fitness. The Minister's decision not to issue an MMC is confirmed.</p>
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