

GENERAL INFORMATION	
KEYWORDS	Aviation medical certificate, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, endocrinology
FILE NO.	P-4562-01
SECTOR (Marine or Aviation)	Aviation
SPECIFIC JOB	
DIAGNOSIS (Primary, Secondary, etc.)	Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, endocrinology
REVIEW	
DATE OF DETERMINATION	March 11, 2022
MEMBER	Dr. Christopher Brooks
DETERMINATION	The Minister of Transport's decision to suspend the applicant's aviation medical certificate is confirmed.
REASONS FOR THE DETERMINATION	
<p>Suspension of an aviation medical certificate — The applicant applied for a commercial aviation medical certificate and a medical examination report was completed in August 2018. Subsequent correspondence with the Regional Aviation Medical Officer (RAMO) revealed that the applicant has a history of mental health problems. To clarify the issues, a letter was sent from the RAMO to the applicant summarizing the applicant's health issues, including a list of medications, and specifying that the applicant was currently seeing psychiatry for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)/depression and endocrinology for hormone monitoring. Subsequently, the RAMO informed the applicant of the suspension of the applicant's aviation medical certificate and advised that any health issues and medications should be stabilized for at least six months before considering pursuing an aviation medical certificate. The applicant is being refused an aviation medical certificate at present due to anxiety, a persistent state of depression, and a history of being prescribed powerful psychotropic medications, of which each has a direct effect on flight and public safety and is in contravention of <i>Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs)</i>, Standard 424.17(4), Medical Requirements Table, Medical Category 1, paragraph 1.2, Medical Category 3, paragraph 3.2 and Medical Category 4, paragraph 4.1. The applicant is also receiving a CPP disability pension for unknown causes which may also have an affect on flight and public safety. The applicant has been given adequate time to provide critical information to TC to demonstrate any health issues and whether medications have stabilized, but this information has not been forthcoming. It is not for the applicant to decide what documentation is relevant or not to their case. TC has demonstrated willingness to address the applicant's case, has applied the appropriate legislation, and had no choice but to refuse to issue an aviation medical certificate at this time.</p>	
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