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Medical Certification

The UK MCA has issued Merchant Shipping Notice regarding Medical Certification according to the mandatory fitness standards specified by the Secretary of State under the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labor Convention)(Medical Certification) Regulations 2010, as amended ("the 2010 Regulations")

The notice contains guidance on the application and provisions of the 2010 Regulations, including:

- how to obtain a seafarer medical certificate
- validity of a seafarer medical certificate
- medical standards and categories of medical fitness
- the medical review ("appeal") system
- revised medical and eyesight Standards
- addresses of MCA Marine Offices where lantern tests are held

The 2010 Regulations are also the statutory basis for:

- use of the ML5 medical report and certificate for seafarers on certain small vessels;
- the requirement for a seafarer to report a significant change in their medical condition, or an absence from work of 30 days or more;
- the right of Approved Doctors to make an administrative charge for the issue of duplicate certificates

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