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Subject: Temporary Measures Regarding Marine Medical Certificates – February 2022

Purpose

This Bulletin provides temporary measures pertaining to marine medical certificates implemented during the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic.

Scope

This Bulletin applies to:

- Canadian seafarers who hold a marine medical certificate (whether a Provisional Medical Certificate issued under section 275 of the *Marine Personnel Regulations*; or a medical certificate issued by the Minister under section 278 of the *Marine Personnel Regulations*, hereinafter referred to as “Marine Medical Certificate”); and
- Authorized Representatives of Canadian-flagged vessels.

What you need to know

For seafarers who require a medical certificate to obtain or maintain a certificate of competency to work on board a vessel, a Marine Medical Certificate that otherwise would have expired on or after February 1, 2022 but before April 1, 2022, is granted, regarding their **Marine Medical Certificate**, an extension of 2 months. There is no requirement to submit an application to obtain this extension.

If your marine medical certificate is set to soon expire, we recommend you see a Transport Canada designated Marine Medical Examiner at your earliest opportunity.

Keywords:

1. Medical Certificate
2. Extension
3. Covid-19

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Do not wait until the last minute. The list of designated Marine Medical Examiners can be found at the following link:

<https://wwwapps.tc.gc.ca/saf-sec-sur/4/mme-mdm/eng/marine-medical-examiners/search>

Also, we ask that you remind your Marine Medical Examiner to send your information to Transport Canada as soon as possible.

Please note:

The extended validity of a Transport Canada Marine Medical Certificate does not extend the validity of a Certificate of Competency.