

# **REGULATIONS COLUMN**

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## ARE YOU AWARE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES TO THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATES FOR OUR SEAFARERS WHO **NAVIGATE IN CANADA'S DOMESTIC WATERS?**

A medical certificate is required for certain navigation and marine mechanic certificates. The medical examination is required according to the agreement which is carried out by our designated physicians in Quebec. Here is the link for the list of doctors designated for seafarers for the province of Quebec: Marine Medical Examiners of Quebec

NB: Transport Canada strongly suggests reminding your medical examiner to send the information to Transport Canada as soon as possible after the examination.

#### **New domestic medical certificates**

As of April 1st, 2021, the validity of maritime medical certificates in domestic waters will be extended from two (2) to five (5) years. This change applies to new medical certificates issued after April 1st, 2021 for seafarers working on a vessel under a Canadian flag who only operate in domestic waters.

The domestic water zone that concerns Quebec is defined by the entrance to the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the entrance of the great lakes.

The Transport Canada office in Ottawa is currently redefining more precisely the boundaries of the domestic zones (details to come).

You can refer to the domestic areas of the BSN Bulletin No. 25/2020 until the final definition is available.

Links for Ship Safety Bulletins regarding changes to Marine Medical Certificates:

Bulletin SSB No. 25/2020 Bulletin SSB No. 04/2021

#### **Extension of current medical certificates**

"For seafarers who require a medical certificate to obtain or maintain a certificate of competency to work domestically, a Marine Medical Certificate that is currently valid, and that otherwise would have expired on or before August 31, 2021, is granted, regarding their Marine Medical Certificate, an extension until September 30, 2021. There is no requirement to submit an application to obtain this extension." (Source: SSB bulletin No. 04/2021)

### **Example of a marine medical certificate:**

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In this case, the expiry date is April 23rd, 2021. According to the SSB Bulletin No. 04/2021, this certificate remains valid until September 30th, 2021.

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