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Applicable to: This circular should be brought to the attention of ship-owners, ship managers, operators and masters of Vanuatu-registered ships.

Re: Medical reporting form Med1A and Drug Testing Requirements

- A. This Fleet letter applies to all vessels under the Vanuatu Flag
- B. Requirements for Drug Testing have been laid out in Maritime Bulletin No. 115
- C. Requirements

When submitting an application for seafarer documents you must submit a medical report (MED1A), and a copy of the drug test or letter of participation in an approved Drug Consortium (for renewals and upgrades only).

You should use VMSL's medical report form (Med1A) that is supplied with our application. If you choose to use another form, it must contain the same information as the MED1A form. New hires must submit a medical report with drug test results, renewals and upgrades may submit the drug test results or a letter of participation in an approved Drug Testing Consortium.

Please refer to the Vanuatu Maritime Regulations, Chapter 8 (Merchant Seamen), Section 54 (Medical Fitness Certificates) Paragraph 6. The blood pressure the seafarer must be below is 160/100. We will not accept any reading that is over 159/99. Each seafarer must be deemed medically fit for normal duty.

An application may take several days to process from the time it reaches the New York or Tokyo office. If the application is incomplete or information is missing, and the drug test results are not included, we will not process the application until we receive the information required.

If a seafarer has been arrested for DWU or DWI or was found to be in possession of Dangerous Drugs within the last 10 years, a drug and alcohol test must be provided with the application.



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