

SEAFARER MEDICAL REPORT FORM (ML5) AND ML5 CERTIFICATE

WHO MAY USE THIS FORM

This form is for use by the following applic	cants. Please tick why you need this form/certific	cate:
1. Applicant for an MCA Boatmaster's Lic	ence or Certificate	
New applicant	Revalidation of existing certificate	Change of existing license
	tion commercial endorsement for working on Conercial vessels and the Large Yacht Code (LY2)	· • —
3. Crew on a seagoing vessel	Domestic Passenger vessel	
4. Any other reason (please specify)		
examination by an MCA Approved Doctor procedure for obtaining an ENG 1 and a I	on a seagoing passenger ship require a full seaf r. An ENG 1 is always an acceptable alternative ist of Approved Doctors is available in a Mercha uk/c4mca/mcga07-home/workingatsea/mcga-ml	to an ML5 certificate. Details of the ant Shipping Notice and can be consulted on
Further details of medical requirements for above, or the MCA Medical Administration	or all Boatmasters and those working on Code v n Team in Southampton HQ.	essels are available from the website
TO THE APPLICANT		

WHAT TO DO

- 1. The purpose of the ML5 form is to obtain a factual report of your medical history and present state of health, enabling your doctor to decide on your fitness to navigate safely and to undertake emergency duties. The form is designed so that, if Part B shows ticks in the "NO" boxes only without any qualifying remarks by the doctor then they will also complete Part C which is an ML5 medical certificate. This certificate confirms you are medically fit to hold a BML or RYA endorsement or to work on vessels listed on this form.
- 2. Applicants for any RYA training are advised to be medically assessed **before** starting any period of training, to ensure they meet the fitness standards.
- 3. If you are based abroad and no UK registered medical practitioner is available, you are advised to obtain an ENG 1 certificate (or recognised equivalent issued by an Approved Doctor) in accordance with the Maritime Authority of any of the countries recognised as having standards equivalent to the UK. This list is available on the MCA website.
- 4. Complete Part A of the form (but do not sign the declaration until you are with the doctor). Complete Part B with your GP, then take/send to RYA or your local MCA Marine Office for endorsement (if applicable, see point 6).

NOTES ABOUT FITNESS

If you have any ticks in any of the "YES" boxes on the inside of this report, or if you have any medical conditions noted in Section 9, or if you have any of the following conditions, your report will require further assessment by an MCA Medical Assessor.

- you do not meet the MCA's requirements for colour vision/visual acuity (See Part B, Section 5)
- you are liable to epileptic seizures or sudden disturbances of the state of consciousness
- you have had a coronary thrombosis (heart attack) or have undergone heart surgery
- you have problems with heart rhythm, or have a disease of the heart or arteries
- you have abnormal blood pressure that is not well controlled with drugs
- you have diabetes
- you have had a stroke, or unexplained loss of consciousness
- you have had severe head injury with continuing impairment
- you have Parkinson's Disease or Multiple Sclerosis
- you are being treated for psychological or nervous problems
- you have had alcohol or drug dependency problems within the last 5 years
- you have profound deafness and cannot communicate clearly on the radio/telephone
- you have double or tunnel vision
- you have any other condition which could cause problems regarding your fitness to navigate a vessel.
- you are markedly overweight your mobility is impaired

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- 5. You must stop working if you become unfit due to illness or injury during the validity of your ML5 medical certificate. Even if this is a temporary change you are obliged to tell the issuing authority (MCA or RYA). For instance if you have diabetes and your treatment changes from diet or tablets to insulin, you must immediately cease work and inform the issuing authority. You will need to obtain a new ML5 report and be medically reassessed before your license can be reinstated. If you fail to do so, your medical certificate will automatically be suspended.
- 6. If their commercial endorsement is not required, you need not show an unrestricted 5 year ML5 medical certificate to the RYA or MCA Marine Office; just keep it safely ready for inspection when requested. However if there is a tick in any "YES" box and you consequently do not have a medical certificate you may apply to the RYA or MCA Marine Office for review by a Medical Assessor. See Part D below.

MEDICAL REVIEW

If the doctor is unable to complete in full the ML5 certificate at **Part C** because a medical condition is indicated, please complete **Part D** of this form (if necessary consulting MO/RYA) and send it for review by an MCA Medical Assessor, who will make a decision on whether your licence/endorsement can be issued. The referral to an MCA Medical Assessor is a paper based assessment, therefore if you have any additional information you would like to provide to support your referral this should be submitted with your ML5 report in a sealed envelope marked "Private and Confidential".

If you require a medical referral you will need to complete **Part D** on page 11. This information will be used to assist the Medical Assessor in assessing your medical condition in line with the work which you are to carry out. Your information will be seen and recorded by staff within the MCA Medical Administration Team prior to referral to the Medical Assessor. Anonymised information will be included in the Assessor's annual report which is used by the MCA to ensure decisions are being made in line with MCA standards and are being applied consistently.

Postcode
Sex M/F
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OR WHO WILL BE FILLING IN PART B OF BML/RYA endorsement or in connection with this tion to the Medical Assessor.
best of my knowledge and belief they are true any medical condition. I have read the notes on
Date

Notes for the Doctor

- 1. Only qualified medical practitioners fully registered and holding a valid Licence to Practice with the General Medical Council are permitted to complete this form.
- 2. This medical report and certificate is required for applicants who are working on commercially operated boats including passenger boats, either on inland waters or at sea up to 60 miles from shore. Therefore, in completing the form, please be aware of the applicant's work environment and responsibilities.

Routine duties could include:

- navigating the boat safely
- safely berthing and unberthing the boat
- helping passengers on and off the boat
- moving and lifting objects up to 30 kg
- operating equipment such as winches and handling ropes
- climbing access ladders

Emergency duties could include:

- rescuing persons from the water
- tackling a fire
- provision of first aid
- carrying out an evacuation of the boat
 - climbing in and out of a liferaft at sea
- 3. In summary, be aware that the safety of fare paying passengers may depend on the fitness of the applicant to operate the vessel in adverse sea and weather conditions. They need also to be capable of responding reliably and effectively to emergencies such as breakdown, collision or capsize that call for physical and mental resilience. The applicant should therefore not be subject to any increased likelihood of sudden incapacity that could prevent them returning the boat safely to its moorings.
 - You should establish the nature of the duties undertaken, as these may vary from work on calm inland waterways to the open sea. The vessel may have a number of crew members or the applicant may be the sole competent person on whom the safety of passengers depends.
- 4. IF HAVING COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING REPORT THERE ARE NO TICKS IN A "YES" BOX AGAINST ANY OF THE QUESTIONS, AND YOU HAVE NO OTHER MEDICAL CONCERNS, PLEASE COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATE PROFORMA AT PART C AND RETAIN A COPY FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES. OTHERWISE PLEASE LEAVE BLANK.

If any medical concerns are indicated on the form, you may be contacted in due course by an MCA Medical Assessor.

SECTION 1 - CARDIAC	Tick a	as appropriate
Coronary artery disease		
a) Is the applicant having attacks of angina of effort, or receiving continuous treatment to prevent angina from manifesting itself?	YES 🗌	NO 🗌
b) Has the applicant had myocardial infarction, unstable angina, or undergone coronary artery bypass surgery or coronary angioplasty?	YES	NO 🗌
If YES - please answer the following:		
i) What was the nature of the event?		
ii) When was the most recent episode?		
iii) If the applicant remains on medication, give details		
iv) Give details of any continuing symptoms / clinical signs of heart disease		
Arrhythmias		
c) Has the applicant uncontrolled complete heart block?	YES	NO 🗌
d) Has a cardiac pacemaker been implanted?	YES	NO 🗌
If YES , when did the applicant last attend a pacemaker clinic?		
e) Has a cardioverter / defibrillator device been implanted?		NO 🗌
f) Is there currently a serious or disabling disturbance of cardiac rhythm?		NO 🗌
g) Is the applicant in need of medication to prevent paroxysmal arrhythmia?	YES	NO 🗌
Other		
h) Is there evidence of serious congenital heart disease requiring continuing consultant cardiological review?	YES	NO 🗌
i) Is there any history or evidence of heart failure or cardiomyopathy?	YES	NO 🗌
j) Has the applicant undergone heart transplant or heart / lung transplant surgery?	YES	NO 🗌
k) Has the applicant evidence of an aortic aneurysm that has not been successfully treated by surgery?	YES	NO 🗌
I) Is today's resting systolic blood pressure 170 mm Hg or greater?	YES	NO 🗌
Is today's resting diastolic blood pressure 100 mm Hg or greater?	YES	NO 🗌
m) Is there any history of Stroke?	YES	NO 🗌
n) Is there any history of Deep Vein Thrombosis?	YES	NO 🗌

SECTION 2 - ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC				
Does the applicant have any of the following?:				
i) Endocrine disease (thyroid, adrenal including Addison's disease, pituitary, ovaries, testes)	YES		NO	
ii) Diabetes - non insulin treated by diet	YES		NO	
iii) Diabetes - non insulin treated by oral medication	YES		NO	
iv) Diabetes - insulin using	YES		NO	
v) Obesity - BMI over 35 (if so, please specify in Section 9)	YES		NO	
SECTION 3 - NERVOUS SYSTEM				
a) Has the applicant had any form of epileptic attack?	YES		NO	
i) If YES , please give date of last attack				
ii) Is the applicant still being treated?	YES		NO	
iii) If NO , please give the date when treatment ceased				
b) Is there a history of blackout or impaired consciousness within the last 5 years?	YES		NO	
If YES , please give date(s) and details in Section 9				
c) Does the applicant have narcolepsy/cataplexy or any obstructive sleep apnoea?	YES		NO	
If YES , please give details in Section 9				
d) Is there a history of, or evidence of any of the conditions listed 1-8 below?				
If YES , please give details in Section 9				
(1) TIA	YES		NO	
(2) Sudden and disabling dizziness/vertigo within the last year with a liability to recur	YES		NO	
(3) Subarachnoid haemorrhage	YES		NO	
(4) Serious head injury within the last 10 years	YES		NO	
(5) Brain tumour, either benign or malignant, primary or secondary	YES		NO	
(6) Other brain surgery	YES		NO	
(7) Chronic neurological disorders e.g. Parkinson's disease, Multiple Sclerosis	YES		NO	
(8) Dementia or cognitive impairment	YES		NO	
SECTION 4 - PSYCHIATRIC ILLNESS				
a) Is there a history of, or evidence of any of the conditions listed 1-6 below?				
If YES, please give details including date(s), prognosis, period of stability and details of med	lication	n, dosage a	nd ar	ny side
effects in Section 9 NB. If applicant remains under specialist care ensure details are given in Section 9.				
(1) A psychotic illness within the past 5 years	YES		NO	
(2) A neurotic illness (anxiety/depression) within the past 5 years	YES		NO	
(3) Persistent alcohol misuse in the past 12 months	YES		NO	
(4) Alcohol dependency in the past 3 years	YES		NO	
(5) Persistent drug misuse in the past 12 months	YES		NO	
(6) Drug dependency in the past 3 years	YES		NO	
(7) Disorder of personality (clinically recognised)	YES		NO	
(8) Any other mental health and cognitive disorders	YES		NO	

SECTION 5 - SENSORY		
a) Is there any evidence of a colour vision defect as assessed using Ishihara plates? When testing, please ensure that aids to colour vision are not being worn.	YES 🗌	NO 🗌
b) Does the applicant lack the ability to read 6/6 on the Snellen Chart at six metres distance in at least one eye with glasses or contact lenses if worn? Testing should be done on each	YES 🗌	NO 🗌
eye separately.c) Does the applicant lack the ability to read 6/60 with at least one eye without any visual aid? Testing should be done on each eye separately.	YES 🗌	NO 🗌
d) Has the applicant any defects in their field of vision in either eye?	YES 🗌	NO 🗌
e) Is there evidence of any progressive disease in either eye?	YES 🗌	NO 🗌
f) Does the applicant have any other eye condition which could limit vision, either now or within the next 5 years?	YES 🗌	NO 🗌
g) Is there profound deafness that prevents communication by radio/telephone?	YES 🗌	NO 🗌
SECTION 6 - MALIGNANT DISEASE		
a) Does the applicant have any malignant disease likely to impair physical or mental fitness to undertake duties in the foreseeable future?	YES	NO 🗌
 b) Is there a history of bronchogenic carcinoma or other malignant tumour, for example, malignant melanoma, with a significant liability to metastasise cerebrally? If YES, please give details (dates, diagnosis and whether there is current evidence of dissemination) in Section 9 	YES	NO 🗌
SECTION 7 - MUSCULOSKELETAL LIMITATIONS		
Height (m) Weight (kg)		
a) Does the applicant lack the strength and flexibility needed to:		
i) perform their normal duties such as mooring and lock operations and	YES	NO 🗌
ii) physically assist other people who have fallen overboard or who need to evacuate the vessel in an emergency?	YES	NO 🗌
b) If the applicant works at sea, do they lack strength and flexibility to get in and out of a moving liferaft? Leave blank if not applicable	YES 🗌	NO 🗌
c) Is excessive obesity likely to interfere with the activities listed above or prevent access to areas of the vessel with size restrictions? If YES , please give details in Section 9	YES	NO 🗌
d) Is there currently any disability of the spine, limbs or hands likely to limit duties or safety procedures while working?	YES	NO 🗌
e) Has the applicant had a hip/knee replacement or other limb prosthesis?	YES	NO 🗌
f) Does the applicant lack sufficient fitness to be responsible for the safety of fare paying passengers (if applicable)?	YES	NO 🗌
SECTION 8 - RESPIRATORY SYSTEM		
a) Is there a history of, or evidence of any of the conditions listed below:		
i) Sinusitis / Nasal Obstruction	YES	NO 🗌
ii) Chronic Bronchitis and / or Emphysema	YES	NO 🗌
iii) Pneumothorax	YES	NO 🗌
iv) Asthma	YES 🖂	

SECTION 9 - OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have ticked **YES** to any of the above questions or have written in the boxes below and so are not able to issue a certificate, this form will be referred to one of the MCA's Medical Assessors.

a)	If you have ticked YES to any of the questions, please look at the job requirements noted in Part B on page 2 and, if you consider that there is any additional information which could help the Assessor, for instance about the nature of any treatments, prescribed medications, frequency and severity of the condition, any associated risk factors or any indicators of prognosis, please give details below .
b)	If the applicant has a medical condition not included in the list of questions, please look at the job requirements noted in Part B on page 2 and, if you consider it may have an effect on their ability to meet these, please give details below.
c)	Is the applicant taking any medication that can impair safety critical duties?
	(if yes please specify the medication in the box below)
Psycho May ind	les: warning in the product information leaflet indicating that they should not drive or work with moving machinery pactive: Sleeping tablets, medications for mental health problems, sedating antihistamines (OTC or prescribed) crease risk of sudden incapacitation: insulin pair vision: hyoscine
d)	Is the applicant taking any medication with risk of acute complications?
	(if yes please specify the medication in the box below)
Danger Anti inf Anti me	cles: ses risk of bleeding: warfarin r if medications stopped: replacement hormones/insulin, anti-convulsants, anti-hypertensives, oral antidiabetics section agents setabolites and cancer treatments stions supplied to be used for emergencies: asthma, allergy

SECTION 10 - DECLARATION BY EXAMINING DOCTOR

I certify that I have examined the applicant named in **PART A** and that my findings are recorded above in **PART B** of this report.

- a) * There are no ticks in any "YES" box and I have completed the ML5 certificate proforma at PART C and retained a copy.
- b) * There are ticks in the "YES" boxes in Section 1 8.
- c) * There is any other significant medical condition detailed in Section 9.

* Delete a, b or c as appropriate.	
Signature of Examining Medical Practi	itioner
Date of Examir	nation
GMC Nu	umber
Name and Address (Please PRINT)	
Official Stamp	Tel. No
Cinolal Clamp	
	Are you the applicant's General Practitioner? YES NO
	If you are not the applicant's GP, you should ask for photographic ID to confirm the identity of the person examined.
Usual Medical Practitioner or Medical Adv	iser (if different from above)
Full Name	
Address	
Postcode/County	

Notes for the completion of Part C

PART C - ML5 CERTIFICATE

1. If you have <u>not</u> ticked any "YES" Box in Part B of this form and have not made comments in Section 9, please complete the following certificate proforma at Part C, OTHERWISE IT SHOULD BE LEFT BLANK.

(to be completed by the EXAMINING DOCTOR)

2. A copy of the certificate should be retained by the Doctor for verification purposes.



ML5 CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL FITNESS based on the MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY ML5 REPORT

This is to certify that		
Surname		
Forename(s)		
Date of Birth		
Home Address		
	Po	ostcode
and Coastguard Age	by me for medical fitness in accordance with the crincy (MCA) in the ML5 form and all assessment tick ncluded any comments affecting fitness in Section	s are in the "NO" Box (right hand
A practical test of cap	pability for current duties has not been carried out.	D 0" : 10:
Signed (Medical Practit	tioner)	Doctor's Official Stamp
Name (Block Letters)		_
Address		_
		_
	Postcode	GMC Registration Number
Certificate valid until *		
	*maximum 5 years from date of issue or 65th birthday, whichever comes soonest. 1 year for those over 65 years of age	
Date issued		
		RYA or MO Stamp
Name of RYA / MO Endorsing Officer **		
Signature		
Signature of Holder		Date

^{**} Endorsement only required for those applying for a BML or RYA Endorsement (See Note 6 of Notes to Applicant on Page 1 of ML5 form)

NOTES TO THE HOLDER OF THIS CERTIFICATE

- It is your personal responsibility not to work when you are temporarily unfit to do so because of illness or injury. You must therefore tell the issuing authority (MCA or RYA), if during the validity of your ML5 certificate, you suffer from or develop any of the following:
 - a) a serious health problem or injury where you do not fully recover;
 - b) any of the conditions listed below:
 - epileptic seizures or sudden disturbances of consciousness
 - coronary thrombosis (heart attack) or heart surgery
 - · problems with heart rhythm
 - disease of the heart or arteries
 - uncontrolled blood pressure
 - diabetes requiring insulin treatment
 - stroke or unexplained loss of consciousness
 - head injury with continuing loss of consciousness
 - Parkinson's Disease or Multiple Sclerosis
 - mental or nervous problems
 - alcohol or drug dependency problems
 - profound deafness
 - serious deterioration in vision or long term eye disease
 - c) any other disability or illness (mental or physical) which affects your fitness to work, in particular to navigate safely and to be able to undertake emergency duties. For instance if you have diabetes and your treatment changes from diet or tablets to insulin.
 - Your BML/RYA endorsement will not be valid during your illness and you will need to obtain a new ML5 report/certificate once you have recovered in order for your license to be reinstated.
- Those not requiring a BML or RYA endorsement do not need to have their ML5 certificates endorsed by the RYA or MCA Marine Office, but should retain them for inspection as necessary, noting the 5 year validity.



PART D - MEDICAL REVIEW

Notes for applicant

1. If there are ticks in any "YES" Box in Section B, or if the doctor has made qualifying remarks in Section 9, he/she cannot complete the ML5 certificate proforma, and the MCA Marine Office/RYA cannot issue your BML/RYA endorsement. However, in these circumstances you have the right to have your case reviewed and the MCA Marine Office/RYA can refer your form to an MCA Medical Assessor for a decision on your fitness to undertake your work on a boat.

ANY FORM SENT FOR REVIEW SHOULD NOT BE MORE THAN 3 MONTHS OLD AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION.

- 2. For the purposes of medical review, you may wish to provide further information regarding your fitness to hold a BML/RYA endorsement. This may include medical evidence from your GP, a specialist consultant or an optometrist as appropriate. Medical evidence should be submitted with this form to your local MCA Marine Office or the RYA in an envelope marked "Private and Confidential" for forwarding to the MCA's Medical Assessor.
- 3. The Medical Assessor may speak to your GP, rather than requesting written reports for which you would have to pay. Telephone calls often allow for evaluation of your health issues and the nature of your work.
- 4. Based on the evidence you have provided the MCA Medical Assessor will decide whether or not to issue an ML5 medical certificate. It will then be for the MCA Marine Office/RYA to decide whether the BML/RYA endorsement can be issued.

The validity of the Assessor's certificate will be subject to the job description detailed below. Please therefore complete fully.

a) Details of vessel To Sea Categorised Waters
Type of Vessel Size
b) Proposed area of operation
Up to miles from point of departure Up to miles offshore Longest length of trip Area of Operation (including Category of Water)
c) Type of operation involved (e.g. passenger pleasure trips, fish farm supplies, night time operations etc)
d) Other relevant risk factors (e.g. communications with shorebased staff, nature of passengers, etc)
e) Minimum number of crew (other than applicant)
holders of BMLs additional crew with same qualifications unqualified but trained/ experienced crew trainees/others
f) Passengers (where applicable)
Maximum number of fare-paying passengers carried
g) Medication (Please list all prescribed medication you are currently taking including dosage).
h) Details of any regular review/monitoring of condition
Please check that you have completed the above, giving as much detail as possible (continue overleaf if necessary)

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Incomplete/missing information may hold up your application.

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