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Marine Notice (2/2017)

“Approved Medical Doctors and Medical Referees”

Applicable to: Shipowners, agents, masters, seafarers, approved medical doctors and approved medical referees..
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Ref:

- (a) *Merchant Shipping Act, Section 21, Notification 108/20;*
- (b) *Shipping Circular No. 4/2012*
- (c) *Guidance for Seafarer Medical Examinations and Certifications, June 2015*
- (d) *Section A-I/9 of the STCW Code, including 2010 Manila Amendments;*
- (e) *Maritime Labour Convention 2006.*

1. Application

- a. The Shipping Circular No. 1/2017 and the Guidance for Seafarer Medical Examinations and Certifications, June 2015 make it a legal requirement for Myanmar seafarers to hold a valid certificate attesting to their medical fitness for the work for which they are employed.
 - b. Medical certificates to seafarers to be issued shall be valid for a maximum of 2 years.
 - c. Applications may be made directly by seafarers to one of the DMA approved **Medical Doctors**, listed in Appendix A. The List of **Medical Referees** who have been appointed to carry out seafarer medical reviews (appeals) is attached in Appendix B.
2. The DMA has appointed no one as an approved medical doctor abroad yet Director General may approve doctors overseas in countries to provide such service for Myanmar seafarers upon necessity.

3. List of approved medical doctors

- a. A register of approved medical doctors is posted publicly as well as will be regularly updated in future if there are any changes on the DMA's webpage on:
<https://www.dma-mm.org/circulars/>
- b. Approved optometric examiners are normally designated by Director General.

4. This circular serves to inform that with effect from the Date of **1 Apr 2017**, the approved medical doctors, medical referees, shipowners, agents, masters and seafarers shall have to follow this guidance for the purpose of Seafarer Medical Examinations and Certifications.
5. For more information on the contents of this Circular or any aspect of seafarer medical certification is available from any of the approved doctors listed in the Appendices, or the DMA at the address below: -

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