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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: Requirements for Doctors to register under the MLC 2006 with VMSL

- I. This Fleet letter applies to all vessels under the Vanuatu Flag.
 - II. This circular highlights the requirements for Medical Doctors to be authorized under the Vanuatu Registry.
 - III. Under Regulation 1.2 of the Maritime Labor Convention 2006 "The medical certificate shall be issued by a duly qualified medical practitioner or, in the case of a certificate solely concerning eyesight, by a person recognized by the competent authority as qualified to issue such a certificate."
- As such all physicians being used to carry out Medical Exams for Vanuatu Seafarers are required to submit the following to this office:
- A. CV (Including Languages Spoken, Board Certifications, Employment experience, MRO Certifications and Professional Organizations)
 - B. Copy of Medical License
 - C. Current Address/Phone Number and email address for the doctors place of business, to be updated if this information changes.
- IV. In order to expedite all applications the Doctor must Stamp and Sign the Medical Certificate . The doctors information must in English and be legible in order for VMSL to verify that the doctor is approved by the Administration.



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