



# Antigua and Barbuda

## Maritime Administration

STCW Circular  
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**SUBJECT: Seafarers' Medical Certificates**

**REFERENCE:**

- a) *Antigua and Barbuda Merchant Shipping Act 2006, as amended*
- b) *International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978 Regulation VI and Code Section A-VI/1*

**TO:** Ship-owners, operators, masters and officers of Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships, and recognized organisations.

**1. PURPOSE**

This Circular provides information that reflects the latest procedures adopted by ADOMS with respect to Seafarers' Medical Certificates and includes a list of Antigua and Barbuda approved Medical Practitioners whose certificates are accepted in addition to those issued worldwide as outlined in the text of this circular.

**2. APPLICATION**

This Circular applies to all Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships.

**3. BACKGROUND**

All seafarers are required to have on board a valid medical certificate and it is the responsibility of the ship's Master to verify that all seafarers, on joining, have valid medical certificates. The applicable Conventions mandate that such a certificate is valid for a maximum period of two years and must be issued by a medical practitioner authorized in his/her country for the issue of seafarers' medical certificates.

**4. OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Each applicant for an Antigua and Barbuda endorsement or seafarer's book should present a valid seafarer's medical certificate with his/her application. Acceptable seafarers' medical certificates are:
  1. A seafarer's medical certificate issued in accordance with STCW 1978, as amended, and/or the Maritime Labour Convention (2006) by a medical practitioner authorized to issue such certificates in the country of issue if the country is a signatory to the STCW Convention, and/or the Maritime Labour (2006) Convention or
  2. A seafarer's medical certificate (Form FO-C02) issued by a medical practitioner authorized by ADOMS in Antigua and Barbuda. A list of such medical practitioners is contained in Annex 1.

2. Where there may be doubt as to the recognition and authorization of a medical practitioner to issue seafarers' medical certificates, ADOMS may request that evidence of approval is presented. This may take the form of an official statement from the administration or other evidence such as a printout from the official list of approved medical practitioners for that country.
3. Medical examinations of seafarers shall be conducted in accordance with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) "Guidelines on the Medical examination of Seafarers" first published in 2013 which have replaced previous guidelines issued by ILO and World Health Organisation.

**Issued by**

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**Annex 1**  
**Antigua and Barbuda approved Medical Practitioners**

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