

Medical Certificate Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Will the mariner be required to renew his or her STCW endorsements with the Coast Guard every 2 years when the medical certificate is renewed?**

No, the medical certificate will be managed as a separate stand-alone document.

- 2. Will there be an expiration date within the MMC under the international pages for their physical every 2 years?**

No, the medical certificate will be managed as a separate stand-alone document.

- 3. Who will track this information if it is not indicated in the MMC?**

As with all credentials, it is incumbent upon the mariner to track whether his or her credential is valid. Additionally, it is the responsibility of the company, operator, or master to ensure that persons serving on a vessel hold valid documents, see [§ 15.401](#).

- 4. How will the requirement be enforced?**

This will be enforced through regular inspections, boardings, and company/master verification. It is the responsibility of the company, operator, or master to ensure that persons serving on a vessel hold valid documents, in accordance with [§ 15.401](#).