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## Palau – Medical Practitioners for Seafarers’ Medicals

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Notice to: Ship Owners / Managers / Operators

The Palau Ship Registry (PSR) has issued [Marine Circular 140.3](#) regarding acceptance of Medical Practitioners for Seafarers’ Medical Examination and Certificates, and which supersedes Marine Circular 140.2.

Points to Note:

PSR:

- accepts Medical Practitioners approved by competent authorities of States that are parties to the Maritime Labour Convention 2006, the Medical Examination (Seafarers) Convention 1946 (ILO No. 73): or the Standards of Training Certification Watchkeeping (STCW).
- will not accept any Medical Certificate which has not been issued by an approved Medical Practitioner;
- have an evaluation process for acceptance of Medical Practitioners responsible for assessing the medical fitness of seafarers;
- shall create and keep available, to anyone concerned, a database with all information about the approved Medical Practitioners.

Medical Certificates:

- are to be in the official language of the issuing country, and in English;
- are subject to revalidation at least every two years unless the holder is under 18 years in which case it is every year.

Medical Practitioners will be approved for a period of five (5) years, subject to renewal. Information about an accepted medical examination form, can be found by visiting the PSR website Library.

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Ship Owners/Managers/Operators are to take note of the contents of Marine Circular 140.3 and be guided accordingly.