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Dear Doctors,

Fee earning opportunity – Occupational Maritime Medicine.
Vacancy for an MCA Approved Doctor(s) in Southampton and surrounding SO
Postcodes
Closing date: 6th October 2022

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) is currently looking for a Doctor suitable for approval to perform statutory seafarer medicals in **Southampton and surrounding SO postcodes**, and is seeking applications from medical practitioners in this area. Appointments are made based on location, availability, facilities, experience and qualifications, following review of all applications by the MCA's Chief Medical Adviser, Dr Sue Stannard.

This is not an employment opportunity, it is an appointment to undertake seafarer medical examinations, and appointments are reviewed annually. This is a different approach than that taken by others, such as UKOG. We will select the required number of doctors to meet demand from all the applications – the number of doctors appointed will therefore depend on their availability to conduct seafarer medicals. Seafarers are required to undergo a statutory medical examination every 2 years. This is a requirement under UK and international law. A network of 240 Approved Doctors undertake this work on behalf of the MCA.

Applicants should be:

1. A fully registered Medical Practitioner with a valid Licence to Practice from the General Medical Council;
2. Prepared to conduct around **150 - 250** seafarer medical examinations annually;
3. Prepared to comply with the guidelines and medical standards laid down in the Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1886(M).

Applicants with occupational health qualifications and or experience are preferred, it would be advantageous to have experience within the maritime industry. An email address and IT facilities are also required.

The successful applicant will need to be flexible with appointments, as seafarers may require an examination at short notice or out of normal office hours. Approved Doctors are required to have the necessary facilities, at the premises to be approved, to conduct examinations (listed on application form) An inspection of premises and a medical audit may be required.

The statutory maximum fee for an ENG 1 medical examination is currently set at £115.00 per examination; this is generally paid by the seafarer's employer. The medical is expected to take about 30-45 minutes. The doctor would carry responsibility for the overall examination and is required to complete and sign the certificate of fitness. However, there is freedom to delegate tasks, such as collection of personal details and clinical measurements.

If you wish to apply, an application form can be downloaded from the MCA website <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/approved-doctor-application-form>.

Full details of the examination requirements and procedures are given in the Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination) Regulations 2010, the Approved Doctor's Manual and MSN 1886(M+F) which can all be viewed and downloaded from the MCA's website <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/msn-1886-ilo-work-in-fishing-convention-medical-standards>

If you have any questions regarding any aspect of the appointment, please contact the Medical Administration Team on the number overleaf for further information.

Please provide a C.V. with your application. The closing date for applications is the **6th October 2022**.

Yours faithfully



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