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Covid-19: Guidance on extending West's enhanced PEME Certificates



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In order to ease the operational and logistical burdens faced by Shipowners and their crews following the Covid-19 outbreak, the Club is implementing a programme that will allow our enhanced Pre-Employment Medical Examination (PEME) certificates to be extended for a six month period.

This extension is intended to lessen challenges regarding crew changes resulting from travel restrictions and lockdowns being implemented globally.

The Club's certificate may be extended by the issuing clinic through telephone authority. The requirements for the extension are as follows:

1. The seafarer issued with the certificate must be free of concomitant diseases or show evidence of compliance with medication and monitoring such as in the case of diabetics and hypertensives.
2. Diseases that require monitoring, noted at the initial PEME, cannot be extended without the referral to the Club's Medical Advisor (Marine Advisory Medical Service).
3. If the initial certificate was in any way limited, it may not be extended.
4. The extension of the certificate can only be utilised if the seafarer is already at sea.

We appreciate the support that the Membership has given over many years to the Club's voluntary enhanced PEME scheme and sincerely hope that the extension provision is of assistance.

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