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Procedure regarding medical rejection with appeal

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List of abbreviations and definitions

Examining physician	Doctor registered by NOGEP A who is on the NOGEP A examining physician list (see www.nogepa.nl) and who performs the medical examinations in accordance with the NOGEP A medical guidelines
NOGEP A medical advisor	The NOGEP A medical advisor
Company doctors	The medical advisors of the NOGEP A members, who are doctors, and perform regular offshore medical examinations of the employees of oil and gas companies
PSL	Personal Safety Logbook
Topside doctor	The offshore medical support doctors appointed by the NOGEP A members. Also known as backup doctors.
Vantage	Software system with which passengers on offshore flights are booked and, for example, the POB (persons on board) is registered on offshore installations

Legal regulations

Related NOGEP A Industry Standards

Standard 11	Offshore medical examination

1. Summary

At least once every two years, persons working offshore must be examined to determine whether they are medically fit to work offshore.

The outcome of this medical assessment may be “not medically fit for working offshore”. The person in question is then no longer allowed to work offshore. If he or she does not agree with this outcome, he or she can appeal against it. This concerns a NOGEPA procedure (so not an appeal within the scope of the General Administrative Law Act). This appeal results in a re-examination by the NOGEPA medical advisor.

This standard describes the procedure that comes into effect after a person appeals against the examining physician's decision to qualify that person as “not medically fit to work on an offshore location”.

2. Purpose and application

The purpose of this standard is to describe the procedure that comes into effect after a person appeals² against the qualification “not medically fit to work on an offshore location”.

This standard applies to all appeals against a NOGEPA offshore medical rejection.

² This is not an appeal within the scope of the General Administrative Law Act. An appeal in this standard means that a person who does not agree with the result of the medical examination, can dispute the examination result (based on his or her opinion) and ask for a new examination. It concerns a NOGEPA procedure.

3. Description

At least once every two years, persons working offshore must be examined to determine whether they are medically fit to work offshore.

The outcome of this medical examination is registered in the PSL. In addition to registering in the PSL (Personal Safety Logbook), the NOGEPA Health, Safety & Environment Committee has opted for the electronic registration of valid offshore medical examinations in Vantage³ or a similar system. This system indicates in a timely manner when the offshore medical examination is due to expire and the person concerned must be re-examined.

If such a (re) examination shows that the person is not considered fit for working on an offshore installation at that time, the person can appeal against this decision.

A re-examination will then be conducted by the NOGEPA medical advisor. A peer review will take place with one of the Topside doctors, whereby other medical experts (i.e. the company doctor) can be consulted during the process in order to reach the correct decision. The person signs an authorization form giving the NOGEPA medical advisor permission to exchange medical data with, for example, the company doctor, Topside doctor and/or (treating) medical specialist in order to come to an overall assessment. The NOGEPA medical advisor will formulate specific questions for this in the authorization.

If the person who, as a result of the appeal, is once again considered unfit after re-examination (and has since recovered from the condition for which he or she has been rejected), they will always have the right and the option to request another offshore examination after a period of time.

³ Many examining physicians do not have access to Vantage. The (re) registration of the validity of the offshore inspection then takes place via the own organization of the person concerned or via the handling organization at the airport.

4. Flow Diagram

