

NOGEPa recognized Medical Examiners

Explanatory note and criteria for recognition
01-01-2024 until 31-12-2026

Introduction

The Nederlandse Olie en Gas Exploratie en Productie Associatie ([NOGEPa](#)) promotes the interests of operators in the oil and gas exploration and production in The Netherlands.

As from 1 July 2003, NOGEPa regulates the required qualifications, recognition and maintenance of a register of doctors, recognized to perform medical examinations on offshore oil & gas workers in the Dutch sector of the continental shelf in the North Sea.

Importance of medical fitness for workers on mining installations

The offshore worksite exists in a remote and potentially hostile environment, which may be isolated from qualified medical assistance. Adverse weather may cause long delays in medical evacuation, and thereby exacerbate a minor medical problem. NOGEPa therefore underlines the necessity that all offshore workers must have a valid certificate of medical fitness.

Standards

A Working group of Operator Medical Advisors in NOGEPa has established a Standard for Offshore Medical Examination (Standard 11). Other relevant NOGEPa Standards are Standard 10 on Rendering First Aid on mining installations and Standard 13 on the Procedure for medical rejection and appeal. All NOGEPa Standards are available on <https://www.nogepa.nl/downloads/standards-guidelines/>

Qualifications, recognition and list of recognized doctors

Requirements for recognition are:

1. A valid registration as doctor in the Dutch BIG register www.bigregister.nl ;
(or for doctors established outside the Netherlands - an equivalent and registered doctor's diploma matching the NOGEPa criteria);
2. knowledge of occupation health;
3. knowledge of the working conditions on offshore platforms;
4. knowledge of health care systems offshore¹;
5. knowledge of the NOGEPa Medical Standards, in particular Standard 11 Offshore Medical Examination;
6. sufficient medical facilities and equipment to perform medicals at your disposal;
7. sufficient recent experience in performing medicals²;
8. willingness to provide yearly documentation on medicals and cooperate with an audit if so requested;
9. willingness to perform medicals in compliance with Standard 11 Offshore Medical Examination;
10. willingness to take part in NOGEPa refresher training and meet (re)training requirements.

A NOGEPa recognized doctor is obliged to perform medicals according to the NOGEPa Medical Standard and to attend the NOGEPa doctors refresher event (at least 2 times during a registration period). Also the doctor must record the total of medical examinations performed, including the results (Fit, Unfit or Restricted Fit) and send it once a year at our request to secretariaat@elementnl.nl

¹ The knowledge mentioned under point 3 and 4 may be acquired during the NOGEPa doctors refresher day which is organized yearly

² In order to keep the qualification of a NOGEPa approved doctor, a doctor has to regularly perform medicals on offshore workers, with a minimum of well documented 10 medicals per year.

The full list of recognized doctors is published on <https://www.nogepa.nl/downloads/training-keuringsartsen/> under the header 'Medische Keuringen'.

Medical by British or Norwegian doctor

NOGEPa has agreed with its sister organisations in the United Kingdom (Offshore Energies UK (OEUK), formerly OGUK) and in Norway (Offshore Norge, formerly Norwegian Oil and Gas Association) to recognise each other's medicals. Workers with a valid medical fitness certificate issued by a recognized NOGEPa doctor will not need additional medicals when transferring to a UK or Norwegian offshore installation. The agreement is reciprocal between The Netherlands, United Kingdom and Norway. Please see the Hardanger Agreement on <https://www.nogepa.nl/download/hardanger-agreement-2000-07/>, and the link regarding [the health certificate Norway](#). This only applies if a person has been declared fully fit.

If medical restrictions are imposed, with the exception of a restriction in the validity of the length of time (Limited Duration Certificate), then always permission must be granted by the local medical authorities in advance, e.g. the OpCo Medical Advisor or Medical Advisor of the mentioned organisations in the UK or Norway to work in these sectors of the North Sea.

Application procedure

Doctors who wish to perform medicals on offshore workers for the Dutch Continental Shelf have to apply for registration as a recognized doctor to NOGEPa in The Hague. The application procedure is described in detail below.

Recognition by NOGEPa to perform such medicals is strictly personal and cannot be transferred to other colleagues, not even within the Practice or (Occupational) Health Centre. Recognized doctors will receive a personal stamp to be used for registration on the medical certificates/Personal Safety Logbook (PSL). On the stamp the name of the doctor, a personal number and an expiry date are mentioned.

Application Process NOGEPa Recognized Doctors List 2024 - 2026

To apply for NOGEPa Medical Examiner, please complete the application form. Once completed, please return via e-mail to secretariaat@elementnl.nl.

There are two application forms available, one in Dutch and one in English. Please fill in the form in your preferred language.

The registration fee of € 625,- (incl. 21% VAT) for recognition as a NOGEPa Medical Examiner will be invoiced after recognition has been granted for all applications received on or before September 1st, 2023. Any applications received between September 2nd and November 1st will be charged a registration fee of € 1025,- (incl. 21% VAT)

Registration on the NOGEPa Doctors List is temporary and expires on 31 December 2026, independent of the date of registration. In the period of 2024-2026, there will be opportunities for intermediate recognition of new doctors every **6** months. Additional administration costs ad € 50 (incl. 21% VAT) are applicable for intermediate registration.

Four months before expiry latest, re-registration can be requested to NOGEPa. If you are a recognized doctor at that time, you will automatically receive a renewal application form before September 1st 2026.

If you require additional information on the application process, please contact us at secretariaat@elementnl.nl or call us on the telephone number below.

Thank You & Regards
NOGEPa Secretariaat

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