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Applicable to: This circular should be brought to the attention of ship-owners, ship managers, operators and masters of Vanuatu-registered ships.

**Re: VMSL POLICY FOR VISION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED OR CERTIFICATED ENGINEERING PERSONNEL.**

- a. Applicants for any engineering officer license, qualified engineering rating, offshore installation manager, barge supervisor, ballast control officer, radio officer, or tankerman endorsement should demonstrate that they have correctable vision of at least 20/50 in each eye and uncorrected vision of at least 20/200 in each eye.
- b. Applicants for STCW endorsements as RFPEW, or for any STCW engineering officer endorsement, should meet the same standards. The horizontal field of vision should be not less than 100 degrees in each eye. Waivers are not normally granted to an applicant whose corrected vision in the better eye is not at least 20/50.
- c. These applicants are only required to demonstrate that they can distinguish between the colors red, blue, green, and yellow. They may do so by passing the 14 plate (which replaces the obsolete 16 plate), 24 plate, or 38 plate Ishihara pseudoisochromatic plates.

  
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by the direction of the  
**Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs**  
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