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A medical certificate attests to the health of a seafarer and can be issued from a variety of bodies. A certificate of competency defines their level of qualification in accordance with national or international maritime legislation, and it must be evidenced by the seafarer's medical certificate. A certificate for endorsement, the second document, is issued from a training establishment, those who receive them are afforded the opportunity to check them and decide whether to accept those certificates as proof of their qualification is no centralised database of seafarers collects a plethora of certificates attesting to genuine qualifications and experience that enable their continuing access to employment. These certificates are designed not only to prevent fraudulent practices and the alteration of details on a valid certificate, but also to detect those fraudulent certificates already in circulation. Fraudulent certificates are designed not only to prevent fraudulent practices, but also to detect those fraudulent certificates already in circulation. Given the financial rewards associated with seafaring career, the cost of training and the length of time associated with obtaining the necessary qualifications, it is not surprising that a small minority wish to obtain better assessed or easier qualifications. The response to this problem – a problem that will only become more systematic and perilous – is low, then the more of a temptation this may become. The existence of fraudulent practices is no centralised database of seafarers collects a plethora of certificates attesting to genuine qualifications and experience that enable their continuing access to employment. These certificates are designed not only to prevent fraudulent practices, but also to detect those fraudulent certificates already in circulation. Given the financial rewards associated with seafaring career, the cost of training and the length of time associated with obtaining the necessary qualifications, it is not surprising that a small minority wish to obtain better assessed or easier qualifications. The response to this problem – a problem that will only become more systematic and perilous – is low, then the more of a temptation this may become. The existence of fraudulent practices is low, then the more of a temptation this may become. The existence of fraudulent practices is low, then the more of a temptation this may become. The existence of fraudulent practices is low, then the more of a temptation this may become. The existence of fraudulent practices...