

Certificate of unfitness to travel for abstinence control programmes – urine

Patient's surname	
Patient's given name	
Date of birth:	
Date issued:	

I hereby confirm that the patient is **unfit to travel** due to sickness as of today (issue date). The patient is immobilised to the extent that he/she is unable to appear at the nearest Synlab sampling point to provide a urine sample. I also confirm that I have read and understood all the information notes (1-6).

Please note the following:

- The above-mentioned patient is undergoing an <u>abstinence control programme</u> in accordance with CTU criteria (W. Schubert, Urteilsbildung in der Fahreignungsbegutachtung, Kirschbaumverlag Bonn, 2013) with the aim of recovering his/her driving licence in accordance with the German Driving Licence Regulation (*Fahrerlaubnisverordnung*).
- In accordance with the above-mentioned criteria, the patient is summoned at short notice without warning so that substances with a short half-life period can also be confirmed. Calling in sick after being summoned to provide a urine sample would enable the patient to <u>conceal</u> <u>consumption</u> of the substances in question. False confirmation of abstinence would thus be issued.
- 3. A certificate of unfitness to travel may only be issued if the patient is <u>unable to come to the</u> <u>laboratory to provide a urine sample</u> as a result of being immobilised due to sickness.
- 4. Any person who issues false certificates that help to conceal consumption as referred to in section 2.) is committing a <u>criminal offence in the meaning of Article 278</u> of the German Penal Code (*Strafgesetzbuch StGB*), i.e. that of "issuing false health certifications" ("Doctors and other certified medical personnel who knowingly issue an incorrect certificate concerning the state of a person's health for submission to a governmental authority or insurance company shall be punished with up to two years of imprisonment or a fine")
- 5. Persons who make use of a health certificate such as referred to in section 4.) shall also be liable to prosecution, <u>Article 279</u> StGB.
- 6. Section 4.) may also lead to withdrawal of the licence to practice medicine.

Stamp and signature of the treating doctor