

## **Frequently Asked Medical Form Information**

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Corrections, Police, Parole/Probation holding certified positions are required to complete the F2 medical. Most medical forms are sent with the F-4 Personnel Action Form and F-5 Application for Training.

For most items the standard given on the form is worded as written in the rule.

- **Visual Acuity** - Each eye separately must be corrected to 20/30 or better (lower = better). If corrective lenses or glasses are indicated, be sure the values for the correction are obtained. For any reading worse than 20/100, the applicant must wear soft contact lenses. Have the Doctor indicate that the patient wears soft contacts.

We do not accept a combined (“both”) reading as meeting the standard (as in R = 20/20, L = 20/40, Both = 20/20). Each eye is measured separately and must meet the standard. No exceptions, unless it is the F2T form used only for Telecommunicators and Emergency Medical Dispatchers.

- **Peripheral vision** – Must meet standard of at least 140 degrees combined. For peripheral vision, doctors may mark the diagram and put the appropriate number on the form. Either will be accepted.
- **Depth perception** – Must meet standard of recommended test of 60 sec of arc or a lower sec of arc. Pass/OK/Normal is acceptable on the depth perception.
- **Night blindness** - This section must be completed, it’s asking for history- a test isn’t necessary unless there’s any question or there is a history. Pass/OK/Normal /No History are all acceptable answers.
- **Color Vision** - Pass/OK/Normal is acceptable. The Ishihara test is often noted with a score. Applicants who fail this should take the color vision field test by DPSST. You may request the Color Vision Field Test by email from [Julie.johnson@state.or.us](mailto:Julie.johnson@state.or.us). Be sure to specify what discipline (police, corrections, parole & probation) test you will need. The field-test may be administered by a qualified ophthalmologist or someone from the agency.

NOTE: Use of red corrective lenses is not acceptable and applicant is not considered to have met this standard.

- **Hearing Acuity** – Each ear is measured separately. 1) A loss in excess (higher than) 40 on one of the readings needs the Speech Discrimination & Speech Reception Threshold tests. 2) An average loss greater than 25 db in one or both ears also requires the extra tests. The ears

may not be combined to get an acceptable average (i.e. if left ear averages 20 and right ear averages 30, combined they are 25, but this does not meet the standard). \*P&P has a different standard, note the difference

- **Cardiovascular Diseases** – Must have a total of three separate readings that meet the standard 140/90 or lower. A common question is whether the three readings need to be taken on 3 different days, they don't, but they must be at least one minute apart. Applicants who fail this test may be prescribed blood-pressure regulation medication and be tested again. Second readings must be signed by a qualified medical practitioner.
- **Medical Findings (check boxes 21-29)** – The form is unacceptable if there's a check mark in any box unless there's clear documentation that the item has been addressed and resolved.
- **Check Box #30** – THIS BOX MUST BE MARKED AND THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE RESPONSE IS "NO". If it is marked YES, depending on the reason for the qualification, we may need further information.
- **Check Box#31** – THIS BOX MUST BE MARKED AND THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE RESPONSE IS "NO".
- **Sign-Off (check boxes #33-35)** - Check the initials following the name in this box. There must be a physician's signature on this page. MD and DO are acceptable for signature; PAC (physician's assistant) and FNP or NP (nurse practitioners) will not be accepted unless countersigned by a physician.

Physicals may be taken no earlier than 180 days before or no later than 90 days after the applicant's offer of employment into a certifiable position. A physical taken while the applicant was a reserve or temp may or may not be acceptable, depending on the date the applicant moved into a certifiable position. You may be required to send the offer of employment as proof that the medical was done within the timeline.