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Medical Standards for Terminal and En Route Air Traffic Control Positions









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Individuals must pass a rigid medical exam, which includes:

**Medical Standards for** 

# Terminal and En Route Air Traffic Control Positions

## Vision

Applicants for ATCS employment in an en route center or a terminal must have distance and near vision of 20/20 or better in each eye separately, without correction, or have lenses that correct distance and near vision to 20/20, in each eye separately.

## **Color Vision**

Applicants must have normal color vision.

## Hearing

Applicants must have no hearing loss in either ear of more than 25 db at 500, 1000 and 2000 Hz, and no more than a 20 db loss in the better ear by audiometry, using ANSI (1969) standards.

#### Cardiovascular

Applicants must have no medical history of any form of heart disease. A history of high blood pressure requiring medication will require special review.

#### Neurological

Applicants must have no medical history or clinical diagnosis of a convulsive disorder, or a disturbance of consciousness, without satisfactory medical explanation of the cause, and must not be under any treatment, including preventive, for any condition of the nervous system.

## **Psychiatric**

Any medical history or clinical diagnosis of a psychosis, or other severe mental disorders, is disqualifying.

## Diabetes

A medical history or diagnosis of diabetes mellitus will require special review.

#### Substance Abuse/ Dependency

A history of substance abuse/ dependency, including alcohol, narcotic, non-narcotic drugs, and other substances will be extensively investigated.



## **Psychological Exam**

Individuals must take and pass a psychological exam

## **General Medical**

All other medical conditions will be evaluated on an individual basis. Applicants' medical histories and current examinations will be carefully reviewed. This includes past medical records and, if applicable, a review of military medical records.