

Special Agent Supplemental Physical Qualification Standards

The supplemental physical qualification standards listed below are considered essential for the performance of the broad array of DS Special Agent functions. These strictly job related standards are over and above those required for a standard Worldwide Available (Class 1) medical clearance. The supplemental physical qualification standards are included in the pre-employment medical clearance review by the Office of Medical Services Medical Clearance section. The supplemental physical qualification standards are similar to standards that have been established in other federal law enforcement agencies.

Physical Qualification Standards:

A. VISION

Binocular vision (Snellen visual acuity)

Corrected vision no worse than 20/20

Uncorrected vision no worse than 20/100

Corrected distant vision monocular (Snellen visual acuity)

Must be 20/20 in one eye and 20/30 or better in the other eye

Uncorrected distant vision monocular (Snellen visual acuity)

Must be 20/100 or better in each eye

Normal Color Perception using the Ishihara test

(Farnsworth D-15 test may be used *only if candidate fails Ishihara*)

Normal horizontal visual fields

Normal depth perception, far

B. HEARING (*Reliance on a hearing aid is NOT permitted*)

Loss cannot exceed 30 decibels at the 500, 1000 and 2000 frequencies in either ear

Audiometric testing (ASA or equivalent ISO)

Right: 500____1000____2000____Hertz

Left: 500____1000____2000____Hertz

C. CARDIOVASCULAR

No significant ST changes or arrhythmias on exercise stress test using the standard Bruce protocol to 12 METS

D. VERBAL COMMUNICATION

Must be able to communicate verbally in English
(Speech defects are acceptable provided applicant is able to communicate effectively with the examiner.)

E. NEUROMUSCULAR: *(Acceptability of prosthesis usage will be based upon actual performance)*

Full range of motion and use of fingers, hands, wrists, elbows and shoulders. (Must be able to raise arms and fire a weapon with either hand)

Full range of motion and use of feet, ankles, knees and hips of both legs.
(Must be able to run without assistance)

F. BODY MASS INDEX (BMI)

BMI should be determined for the candidate and he/she should be so advised. Generally accepted standards appear to establish the “normal” range between 18.5 and 24.9. In excess of this range is NOT disqualifying, however, candidate may have difficulty in the PT portions of the DS training curriculum and should prepare accordingly.