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To become an air traffic control specialist (ATCS), individuals must pass a rigid medical exam, which includes:

- **Vision Standards** - Applicants for ATCS employment in an en route center or an terminal must have distant and near vision of 20/20 or better in each eye separately, without correction, or have lenses that correct distant and near vision to 20/20, each eye separately.
- **Color Vision Standards** – Applicants must have normal color vision.
- **Hearing Standards** – 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 Standards** - 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 Standards** - 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 Standards** - 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 [16pf]** - 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.
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