

BLEPHARITIS and CONJUNCTIVITIS

All Classes
(Updated 08/27/2025)

DISEASE/CONDITION	EVALUATION DATA	DISPOSITION
A. Blepharitis Blepharoconjunctivitis Conjunctivitis (e.g., allergy eye) The individual meets the vision standards for class applied:	Generally, not of aeromedical concern. If the AME can determine the treatment is acceptable (cleansing washes, drops and/or eye ointment), with no visual impairment or symptoms that would interfere with flight or safety-related duties OR Condition has resolved:	ISSUE Annotate this information in Block 60. Warn the individual they must meet visual acuity standards when using drops or ointments.
B. Conjunctivitis, active due to infectious cause	For active infection, should not fly in accordance with 61.53. Individuals should not resume duties until signs and symptoms have resolved (when discharge, excessive tearing, irritation, and redness have cleared). Once resolved, see Row A.	Once resolved, see Row A. Best practice is not measured in days held out from work, but until signs and symptoms have resolved . Should not return to flight or safety-related duties until discharge, excessive tearing, irritation, and redness have cleared.

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<p>C. All others including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not meet vision standards Symptoms which would impair flight or safety sensitive duties <p>For Keratoconjunctivitis---see that page</p>	<p>Submit the following for FAA review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A current, detailed Clinical Progress Note generated from a clinic visit with the treating optometrist or ophthalmologist no more than 90 days prior to the AME exam. It must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A detailed summary of the history of the condition; Current medications, dosage, and side effects (if any); Physical exam findings; Results of any testing performed; Diagnosis; Assessment and plan; Prognosis; and Follow-up. 2. The Clinical Progress note must specifically include the best corrected visual acuity for distant and near vision (intermediate - if age 50 or older and First or Second Class). If vision standards are not met, that should be discussed. Include if the visual acuity is expected to change. 3. Copies of any testing performed (visual fields, etc.) 	<div data-bbox="1203 142 1531 176" style="background-color: red; height: 16px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">DEFER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance</p> <p>Annotate (elements or findings) in Block 60.</p>