

CATARACT(S)

All Classes
(Updated 01/29/2025)

DISEASE/CONDITION	EVALUATION DATA	DISPOSITION
<p>A. Cataract(s) present; meets visual acuity; and quality of vision not affected</p> <p>The individual meets the vision standards for class applied:</p> <p>For more information see Pilot Vision</p>	<p>If the AME can determine the condition is under control and vision meets standards with no symptoms that would interfere with flight or safety-related duties such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glare • Halos • Loss of contrast sensitivity • Poor night vision 	<div style="background-color: green; color: black; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">ISSUE</div> <p>Annotate Block 60.</p> <p>If correction was needed to meet standards, apply Limitation 102 to certificate.</p> <p>Warn the pilot CFR 61.53 applies if any change or worsening in vision.</p>
<p>B. Others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not meet vision standards • Quality of vision is affected • AME or ophthalmologist or optometrist have concerns 	<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 ophthalmologist or optometrist 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.) 4. Quality of Vision Questionnaire 	<div style="background-color: red; color: black; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">DEFER</div> <p>Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance</p> <p>Annotate (elements or findings) in Block 60.</p>
<p>C. If cataract surgery has been performed, see Lens Implant Disposition Table.</p>		<div style="background-color: red; color: black; text-align: center; padding: 5px;"></div>

See [Cataracts and Intraocular Lenses \(IOL\) Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQS\)](#).