

## EYES - REFRACTIVE SURGERY

(Use for elective vision surgery such as Excimer Laser Corneal Refractive Surgery [LASIK, PRK, SMILE])

All Classes

(Updated 08/27/2025)

DISEASE/CONDITION	EVALUATION DATA	DISPOSITION
<p><b>A.</b> Surgery three (3) or more months ago</p> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full recovery,</li> <li>• Released from post operative care, and</li> <li>• Off all medications.</li> </ul> <p>The individual meets the <a href="#">vision standards</a> for class applied:</p>	<p>Generally, not of aeromedical concern.</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"> <li>• Glare</li> <li>• Halos</li> <li>• Loss of contrast sensitivity</li> <li>• Poor night vision</li> </ul> <p>AND the individual meets the vision standards for class applied</p> <p>Reminder: Annotate if correction was needed to meet standards and if so, apply Limitation 102.</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;"><b>ISSUE</b></div> <p>Annotate this information in Block 60.</p>
<p><b>B.</b> Surgery within the past 3 months.</p>	<p>The AME should review a completed and signed <a href="#">Eyes - Refractive Surgery Status Summary</a> from the ophthalmologist or optometrist.</p> <p>If all items fall into the “YES” column, the individual meets vision standards, and the AME has no concerns:</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;"><b>ISSUE</b></div> <p>Annotate Block 60 and submit the evaluation to the FAA for retention in the file.</p>
<p><b>C.</b> All others including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complications</li> <li>• Does not meet vision standards</li> <li>• Quality of vision affected</li> </ul>	<p>Submit the following for FAA review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A <b>current, detailed Clinical Progress Note</b> generated from a clinic visit with the treating <b>ophthalmologist</b> no more than <b>90 days</b> prior to the AME exam. It must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A detailed summary of the history of the condition;</li> <li>• Current medications, dosage, and side effects (if any);</li> <li>• Physical exam findings;</li> <li>• Results of any testing performed;</li> <li>• Diagnosis;</li> <li>• Assessment and plan;</li> <li>• Prognosis; and</li> <li>• Follow-up.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<div style="background-color: #ff0000; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;"><b>DEFER</b></div> <p>Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance</p> <p>Annotate (elements or findings) in Block 60.</p>

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	<p>2. The Clinical Progress Note must specifically include the best corrected <b>visual acuity</b> for distant and near vision (intermediate - if age 50 or older and First or Second Class). <b>If vision standards are not met, that should be discussed. Include if the visual acuity is expected to change.</b></p> <p>3. Copies of any testing performed (visual fields, etc.)</p>	

Use this table with the [Eyes - Refractive Surgery Status Summary](#) for:

1. LASIK (laser-assisted cataract surgery).
2. SMILE (Small Incisional Lenticular Extraction)
3. PRK (photorefractive keratectomy)