

Information for the NEUROPSYCHOLOGIST:

REPORT REQUIREMENTS – ADHD/ADD

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Report based on INITIAL BATTERY ONLY:

At minimum, the report must include:

1. Listing of all documents reviewed. Verify that you were provided with and reviewed a **complete copy** of the airman's FAA medical file **sent to you by the FAA**.
2. Summary of all available record findings. This includes diagnosis and treatment. If records were not clear or did not provide sufficient detail to permit a clear evaluation of the nature and extent of any previous mental disorders, that should be stated.
3. Results of a thorough clinical interview that includes detailed history regarding psychosocial or developmental problems:
 - a. Educational history and academic performance (special education and/or Section 504, IEPs, school-based psychoeducational evaluations, tutoring, discipline, high school transcript, discipline, repeating of grade, special accommodations, etc.);
 - b. Current substance use and substance use/abuse history including treatment and quality of recovery, if applicable;
 - c. Driving record, accidents, etc.;
 - d. Legal issues and arrest history;
 - e. Career difficulties/challenges or employment performance;
 - f. Aviation background and experience;
 - g. Medical conditions;
 - h. All medication use history;
 - i. Behavioral observations during the interview and testing; and
 - j. Results from interview of collateral sources of information such as parent, school counselor/teacher, employer, flight instructor, etc.
4. A mental status examination/behavioral observations;
5. Interpretation of the battery of neuropsychological and psychological tests administered;
6. An integrated summary of findings;
7. An explicit diagnostic statement (consistent with the FAA Regulations):
 - a. Your final clinical diagnosis or findings:
 - i. Do not simply list if ADHD/ADD is present or not. You should report if there are other conditions or a learning disorder present; and
 - ii. If there is no DSM diagnosis, are there any noted areas of neurocognitive impairment or deficiencies? If so, describe their nature and severity;
 - b. Any evidence of a comorbid disorder that could pose a hazard to aviation safety? If none, then that should be noted;

- c. Does your diagnosis or findings agree with the diagnosis noted on other supporting or historical documents you reviewed? If it does not, then you should explain your rationale as to your diagnosis or findings; and
8. Documentation of urine drug screen results (what testing was performed and the results or a copy of the final results should be attached).

SUBMIT to the FAA all of the following:

- Report containing a MINIMUM of all the above elements;
- Copies of all computer score reports; and
- An appended score summary sheet that includes **all scores for all tests** administered. When available, **pilot norms must be used**. If pilot norms are not available for a particular test or inappropriate for a specific applicant, then the normative data/comparison group relied upon for interpretation (e.g., general population, age/education-corrected) must be specified. A summary of test scores including raw scores, percentile scores, and/or standard scores must be included.

Report based on INITIAL BATTERY plus SUPPLEMENTAL BATTERY:

The report must include ALL items in the INITIAL BATTERY evaluation, the SUPPLEMENTAL BATTERY, AND the applicable item below:

1. NO CONCERNS/ABNORMALITIES:

If the neuropsychologist interprets the clinical interview and INITIAL BATTERY PLUS SUPPLEMENTAL BATTERY results as exhibiting functioning that is completely within normal limits and lacking any suspicion of neurocognitive deficit, then the final report should also document abnormalities found in the SCREENING and what additional testing dismissed the abnormalities as a diagnostic concern.

2. CONCERNS OR ABNORMALITIES FOUND:

If the neuropsychologist interprets the clinical interview and INITIAL BATTERY PLUS SUPPLEMENTAL BATTERY results as raising concerns or showing neuropsychological impairment, then include the following in the report:

- Describe the nature and severity of any noted neurocognitive deficit(s);
- Describe the potential impact to flight performance/flight safety of the noted deficit(s); and
- Describe any applicable diagnosis, as well as any applicable comorbid condition(s)

Additional information for the neuropsychologist:

- The FAA will not proceed with a review of the test findings without all of the required data.
- Safeguard of data and clinical findings will be in accordance with the APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct (2002) as well as applicable federal law.

- Raw neurocognitive testing data may be required at a future date for expert review by one of the FAA's consulting clinical neuropsychologists. In that event, authorization for release of the data (by the airman to the expert reviewer) is required.
- Recommendations should be strictly limited to the neuropsychologist's area of expertise.
- Periodic re-evaluations may be required in certain cases. The airman's FAA Special Issuance letter will outline required follow up testing. This may be limited to specific tests or expanded to include a comprehensive battery. **For questions about testing or requirements, email 9-amc-aam-NPTesting@faa.gov.**