

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION National Policy



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SUBJ: Medical Examinations for FAA Employees and Air Traffic Applicants Requiring Medical Clearance and Certification

- 1. Purpose of This Order. This order transmits Aviation Medical Examiner Employee Examiner (AME-EE) information to the following Lines of Business and Service Offices: Air Traffic Organization (ATO) and Aviation Safety (Flight Standards and Aircraft Certification) employees requiring Federal Aviation Administration Aerospace Medical Certification.
- **2. Audience.** Branch level and above in the following divisions: Flight Standards, Aircraft Certification, Aerospace Medicine and the ATO Enroute, Terminal and Flight Service Stations.
- **3.** Where Can I Find This Order. You can find this order on the Directives Management Information System(DMS) website: http://employees.faa.gov/tools resources/orders notices/.
- **4. What This Order Cancels.** FAA Orders AL 3930.10, CE 3930.12, GL 3930.9, NE 3930.7, NM 3930.11, and WP 3930.6J, Aviation Medical Examiners for FAA Employees and Air Traffic Applicants Requiring Medical Certification, dated either October 1, 2016, September 18, 2017 or October 1, 2017.
- **5. Explanation of Policy.** Policy information provided in this order supplements policy information about who may perform air traffic control specialist (ATCS) and ATCS applicant medical examinations that are addressed in the current version of FAA Order 3930.3, Chapter 2, para 2. This order also adds who may perform medical examinations for FAA employees with safety related job requirements including Aviation Safety Inspectors, Flight Test Pilots, and Aerospace/Flight Test Engineers as addressed in para 6a.

6. Requirements.

- **a.** Job Series of Positions and Description of Medical Exam. Use the following Job Series to identify FAA employees who may have an operational medical examination requirement.
 - (1) FV-2152 Air Traffic Control Specialist (ATCS) A medical clearance is required to perform safety related job duties. (14 CFR §65.31)
 - (2) FV-2152 ATCS Applicant A medical clearance is required prior to employment. (14 CFR §65.31)
 - (3) FV-1825 Aviation Safety Inspector (ASI) A second-class medical certificate is required as part of job duty to inspect aircraft. (OPM General Schedule Qualification Standards and Applicable Bargaining Unit Agreements)
 - (4) FV-2181 Flight Test Pilot A first- or second-class medical certificate is required in

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- order to operate an aircraft as part of job duties. (OPM General Schedule Qualification Standards and Applicable Bargaining Unit Agreements)
- (5) FV-0861 Aerospace Engineer/Flight Test Engineer A third-class medical certificate is required to monitor aircraft systems during flight as part of job duties. (Aircraft Certification Flight Test Operations Manual, Chapter 2.204.g(2) and Appendix 8)

b. Examination Locations.

- (1) All ATCS examinations will be conducted in accordance with FAA Order 3930.3. All FV-2152 employees subject to medical testing will receive their examinations only by AME-EEs listed at https://designee.faa.gov (See Appendix B for more information).
- (2) All ATCS Applicants will receive their examinations at the locations specified by the Aerospace Medicine Virtual Hiring Team (VHT). Examinations will be conducted in accordance with FAA Order 3930.3.
- (3) All Non-series FV-2152 employees requiring job related medical examinations will obtain their examinations at the location nearest their assigned field office listed at https://designee.faa.gov (See Appendix B for more information).
- (4) Employees must receive their examinations in the region where their duty station (or temporary duty station) is located.

(5) Alaskan Region:

- a. Rotational ATCS Rotational ATCS's travel through Anchorage occasionally from outlying Alaskan ATCS facilities. Rotational ATCS's must first attempt to schedule their exam in the Anchorage Regional Office prior to scheduling with an alternate AME-EE.
- b. Anchorage area employees All exams in the Anchorage area are performed by the Regional Flight Surgeon (RFS). Special authorization is needed from the RFS prior to visiting an alternate AME-EE in that area.
- c. Juneau area employees must contact the RFS's office to schedule an exam. The RFS periodically travels to Juneau to conduct exams for employees.

c. Electrocardiogram (EKG).

- (1) All series FV-2152 employees subject to job-related medical exams are required to take an EKG at the time frames listed below. Notwithstanding the initial EKG at the time of the pre-employment physical, an EKG is required:
 - a. On or after the first regularly scheduled examination after their 40th birthday;

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- b. On or after the first regularly scheduled examination after their 45th birthday;
- c. On or after the first regularly scheduled examination after their 50th birthday;
- d. Thereafter, every two years in conjunction with the regularly scheduled examination.
- (2) While the required medical examination may be scheduled ANYTIME in the birth month, the actual birth date must be used to determine whether or not the EKG is due, since a person does not reach a given age until their day of birth in a given year. Thus, if a person turning 40, 45, or 50 has their required examination before their birthday, the EKG is not due, as the person would still be 39, 44, or 49 years on the day of the exam. In these particular cases where the EKG is therefore not due, the next medical exam would be the first regularly scheduled examination upon which the target age has been reached, and an EKG would be due.
- (3) Aerospace Medicine will authorize an EKG for Series FV-2181 required to maintain a first-class medical certificate.
- (4) For Series FV-1825 and FV-0861, a first-class medical certificate may be obtained if the employees request the upgrade by paying for the cost of the required EKG themselves.
- **d.** Airman Medical Certificates. A series FV-2152 employee may be issued a second-class or third-class medical certificate upon request, but only at the time of the examination (FAA Order 3930.3, Chapter 2, para 3.a). The employee must indicate that they are applying for both a medical clearance and a medical certificate at the time they enter their MedXPress application. If the series FV-2152 employee requests the airman medical certificate after the medical examination is transmitted, the medical certificate cannot be issued. A new application for an airman medical certificate issued under 14 CFR Part 67 must be applied for at the local AME office and the series FV-2152 employee is financially responsible for the additional exam.
- **e. Payment.** Aerospace Medicine will only pay for authorized employee and air traffic applicant exams performed by the AME-EEs listed at https://designee.faa.gov (See Appendix B for more information).
 - (1) Series FV-2152 reference FAA Order 3930.3, Chapter 2, Sections 12 (Professional Services) and 13 (Funding) for guidance.
 - (2) A regional authorization and invoice for medical services template must be presented upon arrival at the AME-EE office. Contact the corresponding Aerospace Medicine Regional Office for the correct paperwork needed for an exam. (See Appendix A for Regional Office Information)
 - (3) Aerospace Medicine will not be responsible for payment of medical exams performed without pre-authorization, fees for missed appointments billed by the AME-EE or fees billed by the AME-EE for additional services requested by the employee.

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f. Non-Series FV-2152 personnel requiring job related medical examinations.

- 1. Aerospace Medicine Responsibilities Personnel will use a designated site to verify whether employees in job series positions (other than FV-2152) listed in section 6a are authorized to receive an agency funded medical exam.
- 2. Flight Standards/Aircraft Certification/ATO Responsibilities Points of contact will be identified in regards to the designated site and corresponding inquiries.
- **7. Distribution.** This order is distributed to the following Lines of Business and Service Offices: ATO and Aviation Safety (Flight Standards, Aircraft Certification, and Aerospace Medicine).

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Appendix A

AEROSPACE MEDICINE REGIONAL OFFICES By Service Area

Regional Contact Information

https://www.faa.gov/other visit/aviation industry/designees delegations/designee types/ame/amcs/phonenumbers/

Western Service Area

Alaskan Region

SERVICE AREAS: AK, Aleutian Islands

Northwest Mountain Region

SERVICE AREAS: WA, OR, CO, WY, ID, MT, UT

Western Pacific Region

SERVICE AREAS: CA, AZ, NV, HI, Marshall Islands, American Samoa, Guam, Mariana Islands

Central Service Area

Central Region

SERVICE AREAS: IA, NE, KS, MO

Great Lakes Region

SERVICE AREAS: IL, IN, MI, ND, SD, OH, MN, WI

Southwest Region

SERVICE AREAS: NM, OK, AR, LA, TX

Eastern Service Area

Eastern Region

SERVICE AREAS: DE, MD, NJ, NY, PA, VA, WV, and Washington D.C.

New England Region

SERVICE AREAS: CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT

Southern Region

SERVICE AREAS: GA, TN, KY, AL, MS, NC, SC, FL, Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands

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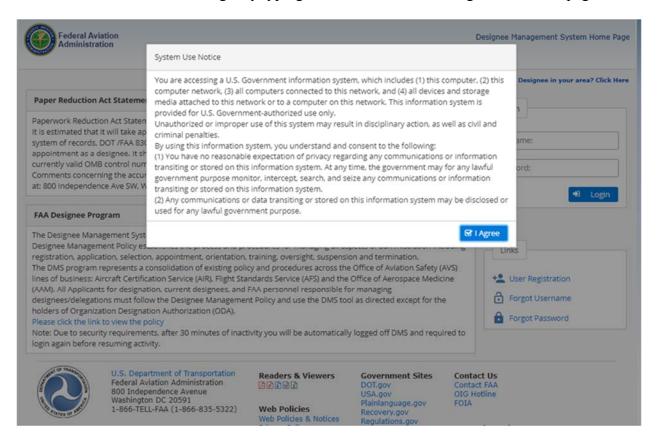
AME Employee Examiner Designee Search

Audience: FAA Employees with job required medical examinations.

Description: Process used to identify an approved AME Employee Examiner in a specific location.

1. Navigate to https://designee.faa.gov/ to view the System Use Notice.

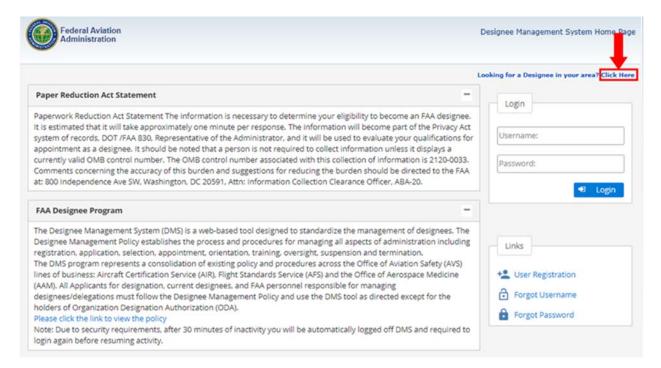
Note: User can also search Google by typing "Find an FAA AME" to get to the same page.



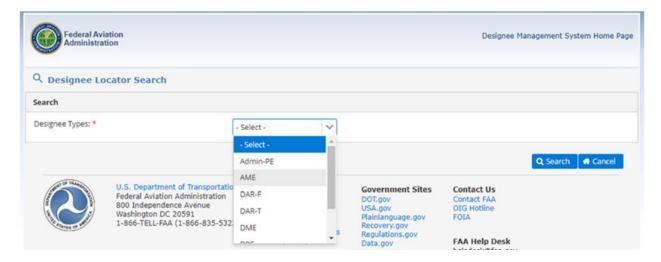
2. Click the **I Agree** button to display the Designee Management System home page.

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3. Select the **Click Here** link to display the Designee Locator Search page.

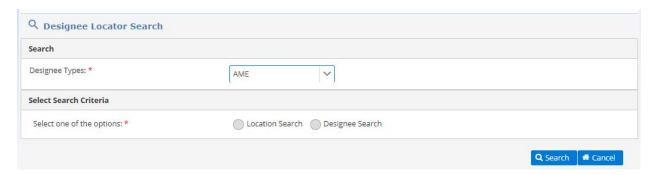


4. Select **AME** from the Designee Types dropdown list. Click **Search**.



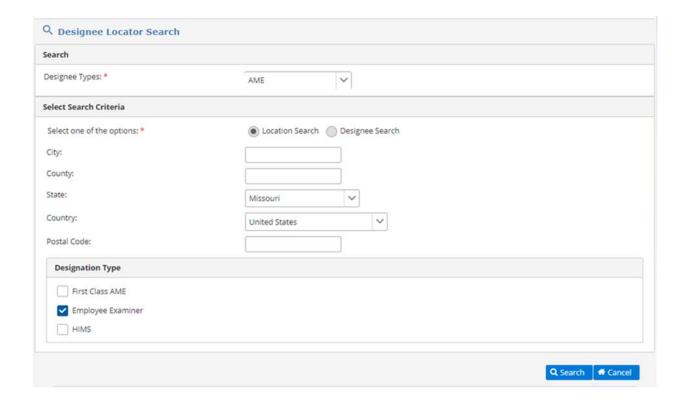
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5. Once AME is listed under Designee Types, select Location Search.



6. Choose the Country and State. Under Designation Type, click the box next to **Employee Examiner**. Click **Search**.

Note: Searching by state will provide the broadest range of results for AME Employee Examiners in a specific location.



7. The corresponding list of AME-EE's will display under the Search section. Click any column heading to sort the results alphabetically. Search for a specific word by typing it into the search box below the column heading. Use the arrows or numbers at the bottom of the list to move to the next or previous pages of search results.

