

## FAA ATCS HOW TO GUIDE – SSRI

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1. Notify [Regional Flight Surgeon](#) (RFS) of your diagnosis and treatment with a Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor (SSRI).
  - In conjunction with the Regional Flight Surgeon's office (RFS), select a Human Intervention Motivation Study Aviation Medical Examiner (HIMS AME).
  - Sign a release to send a copy of your FAA ATCS medical file the HIMS AME. (For release form information, contact your [RFS](#).)
  - You will be placed in an Incapacitated Status.
  - Any fees involved in obtaining medical tests and/or documentation to support a Special Consideration are the responsibility of the employee/applicant.
2. Contact the HIMS AME who will assist you in locating an acceptable psychiatrist and neuropsychologist for the required evaluations.
  - You must be on a stable dose with of one of the approved SSRIs for six months with no symptoms or side effects.
  - Your condition must be well controlled before review for a Special Consideration.
  - Provide your HIMS AME with all the items listed on the [FAA Certification Aid – SSRI INITIAL Certification/Clearance](#).
3. When the above criteria have been met, you should meet with your HIMS AME for a face-to-face, in-office evaluation. The HIMS AME will prepare a report, recommendation, and submit an INITIAL SSRI Special Consideration packet to the RFS for determination.
4. RFS will process packet within the Office of Aerospace Medicine.
5. If Special Consideration is granted, the RFS will issue a time-limited clearance with Special Consideration for six (6) months.
6. For follow up Clearance, you must provide all items listed on the [FAA Certification Aid – SSRI Recertification/ Follow Up Clearance](#).