

MEDICAL EXAMINATION FAQs – PART 11

VISION STATION

Q-1: What is the Vision station?

A-1: At this station, an electronic vision screener is used to test for near sightedness, far sightedness, depth perception, color, and peripheral vision.

Q-2: What are some test results that may require further evaluation?

A-2: Among other results, the following may require additional follow up:

- Far vision acuity less than 20/40 binocular (even if corrected with lenses or spectacles);
- Monochromatic vision; and
- Monocular vision.

Q-3: I wear glasses or contact lenses, is that a problem?

A-3: By itself this is not a problem. If your glasses or contact lenses correct your vision enough so that you can pass the Vision station, you can be deemed medically qualified to become a Firefighter.

Q-4: How is this different from the standard eye exam I have had before at the eye doctor?

A-4: A standard eye exam may be more involved than the Vision station that is part of the medical exam. The FDNY is only assessing whether your vision is acceptable for appointment as Firefighter.