

## Hearing Standards

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<a href="#">Navy Military Personnel USMEPCOM (23 MAR 07; MEPS exam) Personnel Procurement (Navy) OPNAVINST 1100.4C, sec 8-10 (g) page 16</a>								Hearing tests will be accomplished by use of automatic audiometers in sound treated booths. Booths and audiometers must be calibrated according to current directives. (ISO 82531:2010, test methods and ANSI S.3, 1999 for booth.
<a href="#">DoD Inst 6130.03 of 30 Mar 18</a>	≤ 30 dB	≤ 30 dB	≤ 30 dB	≤ 35 dB	≤ 45 dB		Pure tone average .5, 1 and 2K must be 25 or better; no single value > 30 dB	Standards for enlistment, for special duty No current or history of use of hearing aids.
Navy Civilian personnel								No approved standard for NAVY USCS. Specific job categories may have specific requirements, consult local policy.
<a href="#">CENTCOM standard</a>	≤ 35 dB  OR  ≤ 30 dB better ear	≤ 35 dB  OR  ≤ 25 dB better ear	≤ 35 dB  OR  ≤ 25 dB better ear		≤ 45 dB  OR  ≤ 35 dB better ear		Avg. .5, 1K and 2K must be 30 dB or better, no single value > 35 dB	Requirement for a HA does not necessarily preclude deployment, however, must have sufficient unaided hearing to perform duties safely IAW service guidelines. Waiver required if hearing exceeds levels cited.
<a href="#">Class I Aviation Personnel (MANMED 15-85)</a>	≤ 35 dB	≤ 30 dB	≤ 30 dB better ear; ≤ 50 dB poorer ear					
<a href="#">Student Naval Aviator Applicants (MANMED 15-86)</a>	≤ 25 dB	≤ 25 dB	≤ 25 dB	≤ 45 dB	≤ 55 dB			
<a href="#">Nuclear field duty</a>								Unilateral tinnitus is disqualifying. Must be able to communicate and perform duty.

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<a href="#">Explosive Handler/Explosive Driver</a>	≤ 40 dB	≤ 40 dB	≤ 40 dB				.5,1K,2K avg must be ≤ 40 dB better ear	WITH OR WITHOUT HEARING AID: Audiogram or whisper test. Whisper test: perceives a forced whisper in better ear at not less than 5'.
<a href="#">Landing Craft Air Cushion</a>	≤ 35 dB	≤ 30 dB better ear; ≤ 50 dB poorer ear	≤ 30 dB better ear; ≤ 50 dB poorer ear					Unaided HL with adversely affects safe and effective performance.
<a href="#">Firefighter (NFPA 1582)</a>	better ear greater than 40 decibels (dB)	better ear greater than 40 decibels (dB)	better ear greater than 40 decibels (dB)	better ear greater than 40 decibels (dB)			better ear greater than 40 decibels (dB)	No chronic vertigo or impaired balance. Other potential disqualifiers: asymmetrical hearing, atresia, stenosis, external otitis, deformity of auricle, mastoiditis/deformity, Meniere's disease, tinnitus, otitis media.  On audiometric testing, average hearing loss in the unaided better ear greater than 40 decibels (dB) at 500 Hz, 1000 Hz, 2000 Hz, and 3000 Hz when the audiometric device is calibrated to ANSI Z24.5, <i>Audiometric Device Testing</i>
<a href="#">Navy (083) Criminal Investigators (1811) Security Guards (085) and Correctional Officers (007)</a>	<30 dB	<30 dB	< 30 dB	< 45 dB	< 60 dB			SRT ≤ 30 dB in each ear; SDS 90% or better in one ear; 70 % or better in the other @ 50 dB HL; 50% or better speech in noise with signal at 50 (better ear) and noise at 50 (poorer ear) in sound field. Hearing loss in one ear is disqualifying by itself when values exceed 50 dB at 500, 1000, or 2000 Hz (COMNAVMEDCOM Itr 6264 Ser 242/08418035 of 10 JUN 88).  PFPA: Uses speech in noise, single speaker, speech at 50 dBHL, noise at 45 dB HL in sound field; may move head as desired. Must achieve 70% or better.

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<a href="#">DoD Police and Security Officers</a>	< 30 dB	< 30 dB	< 30 dB		< 55 dB		Avg @ 500, 1000, and 2000 Hz < 30 dB; with no single level > 35 dB.	May qualify with hearing aids, which should include speech in noise test (DOD 6055.05-M, section C3.4.2.5).
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<a href="#">OPNAV 5100.19 and 5100.23</a>								Sum AU 3,4 &6K > 270; or 3 <sup>rd</sup> baseline revision due to +STS; a multidisciplinary FFD eval must be conducted.
<a href="#">Commercial Driver's License (MVO)</a>	≤ 40 dB	≤ 40 dB	≤ 40 dB				.5, 1K, 2K average must be ≤ 40 dB	Better ear only; with or without hearing aid. Perceived whisper at 5' or less in better ear without hearing aid. May qualify for restricted license: no passengers or hazardous materials if HA is used. HA must be operational and have a spare power source.
<a href="#">Crane cert.</a>	≤ 40 dB	≤ 40 dB	≤ 40 dB				.5, 1K, 2K average must be ≤ 40 dB	
<a href="#">Forklift Operator</a>								Hear conversation at 20'.
<a href="#">USAF profiles</a>	≤ 25 dB	≤ 25 dB	≤ 25 dB	≤ 35 dB	≤ 45 dB	≤ 45 dB		<b>H1</b>
	≤ 35 dB	≤ 35 dB	≤ 35 dB	≤ 45 dB	≤ 55 dB			<b>H2</b>
	>35	>35	>35	>45	>55			<b>H3 - Warrants FFD eval</b>
								<b>H4:</b> Hearing loss that precludes safe and effective job performance with/without hearing aids; requires medical board.

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	≤ 35 dB	≤ 35 dB	≤ 35 dB		≤ 55 dB		.5, 1K 2K avg ≤ 30 dB	<b>H2</b>
	>35 dB	>35 dB	>35 dB		>55 dB		SRT in better ear ≥30 dB with or without HA; or acute chronic ear disease	<b>H3 - Requires FFD eval</b>  <b>H4 Not deployable</b>
								"J" codes may apply
<a href="#">Navy Profiles</a>	≤ 25 dB	≤ 25 dB	≤ 25 dB	≤ 35 dB	≤ 45 dB	≤ 45 dB		<b>H1</b>
	≤ 35 dB	≤ 35 dB	≤ 35 dB	≤ 45 dB	≤ 55 dB			<b>H2:</b> Requires referral to MO who will refer to audiologist or ENT.
	>35	>35	>35	>45	>55			<b>H3:</b> Disqualifying. Requires evaluation and waiver and FFD eval for continued work in noise. <b>H4:</b> Hearing loss sufficient to preclude safe and effective performance of duty, regardless of degree of pure tone loss, or unknown hearing

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