



SYNOPSIS OF VISION STANDARDS FOR ENTRANCE INTO THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ACADEMY



The following vision standards are an abbreviated version of those provided to the doctors who administer the vision tests. Any significant finding or a finding that is not addressed by the standards listed below may be subject to additional testing and/or evaluated on an individual basis to determine the potential effects on the individual's ability to perform the duties required of an Illinois State Trooper.

If you have any questions or concerns about your vision, or suspect color blindness, we suggest you discuss these concerns with your personal doctor as the vision screening is one of the last steps prior to appointment to the cadet class.

FAR VISUAL ACUITY:

Uncorrected visual sharpness - minimum of 20/20 in one eye and no worse than 20/40 in the other eye

Corrected with spectacles or Rigid Gas Permeable Lenses – corrected acuity minimum of 20/20 in one eye and no worse than 20/40 in the other eye; uncorrected acuity must be no worse than 20/40 in either eye

Corrected with disposable or soft contact lenses – corrected acuity minimum of 20/20 in one eye and no worse than 20/40 in the other eye; no uncorrected acuity requirement; must have demonstrated successful contact lens use for the past four months without complication; must clean lenses on a regular basis and replace the lenses every 6-12 months or more frequently, if necessary

NEAR VISUAL ACUITY:

Corrected near acuity must be no worse than 20/20 with both eyes open

PERIPHERAL VISION:

Horizontal visual field must be ≥ 120 degrees in each eye

Total vertical field must be ≥ 100 degrees in each eye

Absence of large scotomas

COLOR VISION:

Must be free of severe anomalous trichromacy, dichromacy, and monochromacy. Colored lenses to improve or correct color vision deficiencies are not allowed.

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STEREOACUITY:

Candidates who test worse than 80 seconds of arc may be evaluated by a specialist to determine the reason for the deficit and determine if the candidate is at risk for double vision. Double vision/diplopia is disqualifying.

REFRACTIVE SURGERY:

There is a post-surgical wait time for all refractive surgery to allow vision to stabilize and ocular media to clear.

Candidates with pre-op refractive errors up to 6.00 D spherical equivalent are subject to a three-month post-surgical wait time after the following surgeries: Intrastromal Corneal Rings (ICR), Radial Keratotomy (RK), Photorefractive Keratectomy (PRK), Laser Keratomileusis (LASIK), and Laser Epithelial Keratomileusis (LASEK).

Candidates with pre-op refractive errors over 6.00 D spherical equivalent are subject to a six-month post-surgical wait time after the following surgeries: ICR, RK, LRK, LASIK, and LASEK.

Candidates with Anterior Chamber-Phakic Intraocular Lenses (PIOL) require a six-month post-surgical wait time. If any lens opacities/vacuoles/cataracts have developed, the wait time should extend an additional six months after the first appearance.

Candidates with Posterior Chamber-PIOL require a twelve-month post-surgical wait time. If any lens opacities/vacuoles/cataracts have developed, the wait time should extend an additional twelve months after the first appearance.

Orthokeratology or any experimental refractive surgical procedures must be evaluated on an individual basis.

EYE HEALTH AND HISTORY:

Any eye disease or disorder in which the candidate meets all other vision standards may be subject to additional testing and/or evaluated on an individual basis to determine the potential effects on the individual's ability to perform the duties required of an Illinois State Trooper.

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