

SOFT CONTACT LENS EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Doctor:

Your patient, \_\_\_\_\_, is applying for a position with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The position is physically demanding and may require the individual to be involved in physical altercations, strenuous physical activity, the use of defensive tactics, or the use of firearms in the performance of essential duties. All applicants for such positions have until now been required to possess uncorrected visual acuity no worse than 20/200 in each eye (with correction to 20/20 in one eye and at least 20/40 in the other). The principal reason for minimum uncorrected acuity has been based upon the safety of self and others in the event of loss or displacement of visual correction in critical situations. Soft contact lenses may now be accepted as a mitigating factor since they are less likely to be dislodged, if and only if (1) there has been demonstrated use of such lenses for at least one year, (2) there has been satisfactory correction of acuity to accepted standards, and (3) there are not indications of corneal change which might require discontinuation. The **Report of Eye Examination, FAA Form 8500-7**, should be completed by a board certified ophthalmologist or optometrist signed and dated with specialty noted, to include answers to the following questions:

1. What type of contact lenses is currently in use and for how long have these lenses been used?
2. Over what time/duration are the lenses worn?
3. Does corneal examination indicate acceptable fit of contact lenses in use?
4. Is there any evidence of corneal encroachment or neovascularization?
5. Are there any other factors which might preclude indefinite use of these or similar lenses?
6. Is there any additional information you have pertinent to this individual that may be useful to the FBI in making a determination of visual suitability?

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Optometrist/Ophthalmologist Signature

Printed Name

Date

Board Certified Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_ (Specialty)

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