



Appendix C of 29 CFR 1910.134 (OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard): Respirator Medical Evaluation Questionnaire (RMEQ)

Complete the Respirator Medical Evaluation Questionnaire (RMEQ) and choose one of the following options to submit it for review by Ascension – Occupational Health Services, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee’s Occupational Health Provider:

- 1) Send an encrypted email with the completed RMEQ attached to: ascensionemployeesolutions@ascension.org
- 2) Fax the completed RMEQ to (262) 268-9303, Attn: Occupational Health Nurse
- 3) Mail the completed RMEQ to:
 - Ascension – Occupational Health Services
 - Attn: Occupational Health Nurse
 - 830 E. Green Bay Avenue
 - Saukville, WI 53080
- 4) Seal the completed RMEQ in an envelope marked “Confidential Medical Record”. Mail or hand deliver the envelope to University Safety & Assurances at Engelmann Hall Suite 270. University Safety and Assurances will deliver your RMEQ to Ascension – Occupational Health Services.

Note: To contact the Ascension – Occupational Health Services regarding the RMEQ review, call (262) 268-3185.

To the employee:

Your employer must allow you to answer this questionnaire during normal working hours, or at a time and place that is convenient to you. To maintain your confidentiality, your employer or supervisor must not look at or review your answers, and your employer must tell you how to deliver or send this questionnaire to the health care professional who will review it.

Part A. Section 1. (Mandatory) The following information must be provided by every employee who has been selected to use any type of respirator.

1. Today's date:
2. Your name:
3. Your age (to nearest year):
4. Sex (select one):
 - Male Female
5. Your height: (ft) (in)
6. Your weight: (lbs)
7. Your job title:
8. A phone number and email address where you can be reached by the health care professional who reviews this questionnaire (include the Area Code):
9. The best time to phone you at this number:

10. Has your employer told you how to contact the health care professional who will review this questionnaire (select one):

- Yes No

11. Select the type of respirator you will use (you can select more than one category):

- N, R, or P disposable respirator (filter-mask, non-cartridge type only).
 Other type (for example, half- or full-facepiece type, powered-air purifying, supplied-air, self-contained breathing apparatus).

12. Have you worn a respirator (select one):

- Yes No

If "yes," what type(s):

Part A. Section 2. (Mandatory) Questions 1 through 9 below must be answered by every employee who has been selected to use any type of respirator (please select "Yes" or "No").

1. Do you *currently* smoke tobacco, or have you smoked tobacco in the last month:

- Yes No

2. Have you *ever had* any of the following conditions?

a. Seizures:

- Yes No

b. Diabetes (sugar disease):

- Yes No

c. Allergic reactions that interfere with your breathing:

- Yes No

d. Claustrophobia (fear of closed-in places):

- Yes No

e. Trouble smelling odors:

- Yes No

3. Have you *ever had* any of the following pulmonary or lung problems?

a. Asbestosis:

- Yes No

b. Asthma:

- Yes No

c. Chronic bronchitis:

- Yes No

d. Emphysema:

- Yes No

e. Pneumonia:

- Yes No

f. Tuberculosis:

- Yes No

g. Silicosis:

- Yes No

h. Pneumothorax (collapsed lung):

- Yes No

i. Lung cancer:

- Yes No

j. Broken ribs:

- Yes No

k. Any chest injuries or surgeries:

Yes No

l. Any other lung problem that you have been told about:

Yes No

4. Do you *currently* have any of the following symptoms of pulmonary or lung illness?

a. Shortness of breath:

Yes No

b. Shortness of breath when walking fast on level ground or walking up a slight hill or incline:

Yes No

c. Shortness of breath when walking with other people at an ordinary pace on level ground:

Yes No

d. Have to stop for breath when walking at your own pace on level ground:

Yes No

e. Shortness of breath when washing or dressing yourself:

Yes No

f. Shortness of breath that interferes with your job:

Yes No

g. Coughing that produces phlegm (thick sputum):

Yes No

h. Coughing that wakes you early in the morning:

Yes No

i. Coughing that occurs mostly when you are lying down:

Yes No

j. Coughing up blood in the last month:

Yes No

k. Wheezing:

Yes No

l. Wheezing that interferes with your job:

Yes No

m. Chest pain when you breathe deeply:

Yes No

n. Any other symptoms that you think may be related to lung problems:

Yes No

5. Have you *ever had* any of the following cardiovascular or heart problems?

a. Heart attack:

Yes No

b. Stroke:

Yes No

c. Angina:

Yes No

d. Heart failure:

Yes No

e. Swelling in your legs or feet (not caused by walking):

Yes No

f. Heart arrhythmia (heart beating irregularly):

Yes No

g. High blood pressure:

Yes No

h. Any other heart problem that you have been told about:

Yes No

6. Have you *ever had* any of the following cardiovascular or heart symptoms?

a. Frequent pain or tightness in your chest:

Yes No

b. Pain or tightness in your chest during physical activity:

Yes No

c. Pain or tightness in your chest that interferes with your job:

Yes No

d. In the past two years, have you noticed your heart skipping or missing a beat:

Yes No

e. Heartburn or indigestion that is not related to eating:

Yes No

d. Any other symptoms that you think may be related to heart or circulation problems:

Yes No

7. Do you *currently* take medication for any of the following problems?

a. Breathing or lung problems:

Yes No

b. Heart trouble:

Yes No

c. Blood pressure:

Yes No

d. Seizures:

Yes No

8. If you have used a respirator, have you *ever had* any of the following problems? (If you have never used a respirator, go to question 9:)

a. Eye irritation:

Yes No

b. Skin allergies or rashes:

Yes No

c. Anxiety:

Yes No

d. General weakness or fatigue:

Yes No

e. Any other problem that interferes with your use of a respirator:

Yes No

9. Would you like to talk to the health care professional who will review this questionnaire about your answers to this questionnaire:

Yes No

Questions 10 to 15 below must be answered by every employee who has been selected to use either a full-facepiece respirator or a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) (please select "Yes" or "No"). For employees who have been selected to use other types of respirators, answering these questions is voluntary.

10. Have you *ever lost* vision in either eye (temporarily or permanently):

Yes No

11. Do you *currently* have any of the following vision problems?

a. Wear contact lenses:

Yes No

b. Wear glasses:

Yes No

c. Color blind:
 Yes No

d. Any other eye or vision problem:
 Yes No

12. Have you *ever had* an injury to your ears, including a broken ear drum:
 Yes No

13. Do you *currently* have any of the following hearing problems?

a. Difficulty hearing:
 Yes No

b. Wear a hearing aid:
 Yes No

c. Any other hearing or ear problem:
 Yes No

14. Have you *ever had* a back injury:
 Yes No

15. Do you *currently* have any of the following musculoskeletal problems?

a. Weakness in any of your arms, hands, legs, or feet:
 Yes No

b. Back pain:
 Yes No

c. Difficulty fully moving your arms and legs:
 Yes No

d. Pain or stiffness when you lean forward or backward at the waist:
 Yes No

e. Difficulty fully moving your head up or down:
 Yes No

f. Difficulty fully moving your head side to side:
 Yes No

g. Difficulty bending at your knees:
 Yes No

h. Difficulty squatting to the ground:
 Yes No

i. Climbing a flight of stairs or a ladder carrying more than 25 lbs:
 Yes No

j. Any other muscle or skeletal problem that interferes with using a respirator:
 Yes No

Part B. Any of the following questions, and other questions not listed, may be added to the questionnaire at the discretion of the health care professional who will review the questionnaire (please select "Yes" or "No").

1. In your present job, are you working at high altitudes (over 5,000 feet) or in a place that has lower than normal amounts of oxygen:
 Yes No

If "yes," do you have feelings of dizziness, shortness of breath, pounding in your chest, or other symptoms when you are working under these conditions:
 Yes No

2. At work or at home, have you ever been exposed to hazardous solvents, hazardous airborne chemicals (e.g., gases, fumes, or dust), or have you come into skin contact with hazardous chemicals:

Yes No

If "Yes," name the chemicals if you know them:

3. Have you ever worked with any of the materials, or under any of the conditions, listed below:

a. Asbestos:

Yes No

b. Silica (e.g., in sandblasting):

Yes No

c. Tungsten/cobalt (e.g., grinding or welding this material):

Yes No

d. Beryllium:

Yes No

e. Aluminum:

Yes No

f. Coal (for example, mining):

Yes No

g. Iron:

Yes No

h. Tin:

Yes No

i. Dusty environments:

Yes No

j. Any other hazardous exposures:

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these exposures:

4. List any second jobs or side businesses you have:

5. List your previous occupations:

6. List your current and previous hobbies:

7. Have you been in the military services?

Yes No

If "Yes," were you exposed to biological or chemical agents (either in training or combat):

Yes No

8. Have you ever worked on a HAZMAT team?

Yes No

9. Other than medications for breathing and lung problems, heart trouble, blood pressure, and seizures mentioned earlier in this questionnaire, are you taking any other medications for any reason (including over-the-counter medications):

Yes No

If "Yes," name the medications if you know them:

10. Will you be using any of the following items with your respirator(s)?

a. HEPA Filters:

Yes No

b. Canisters (for example, gas masks):

Yes No

c. Cartridges:

Yes No

11. How often are you expected to use the respirator(s) (select "Yes" or "No" for all answers that apply to you)?:

a. Escape only (no rescue):

Yes No

b. Emergency rescue only:

Yes No

c. Less than 5 hours *per week*:

Yes No

d. Less than 2 hours *per day*:

Yes No

e. 2 to 4 hours per day:

Yes No

f. Over 4 hours per day:

Yes No

12. During the period you are using the respirator(s), is your work effort:

a. *Light* (less than 200 kcal per hour):

Yes No

If "Yes," how long does this period last during the average shift: (hrs) (mins)

Examples of a light work effort are *sitting* while writing, typing, drafting, or performing light assembly work; or *standing* while operating a drill press (1-3 lbs.) or controlling machines.

b. *Moderate* (200 to 350 kcal per hour):

Yes No

If "Yes," how long does this period last during the average shift: (hrs) (mins)

Examples of moderate work effort are *sitting* while nailing or filing; *driving* a truck or bus in urban traffic; *standing* while drilling, nailing, performing assembly work, or transferring a moderate load (about 35 lbs.) at trunk level; *walking* on a level surface about 2 mph or down a 5-degree grade about 3 mph; or *pushing* a wheelbarrow with a heavy load (about 100 lbs.) on a level surface.

c. *Heavy* (above 350 kcal per hour):

Yes No

If "Yes," how long does this period last during the average shift: (hrs) (mins)

Examples of heavy work are *lifting* a heavy load (about 50 lbs.) from the floor to your waist or shoulder; working on a loading

dock; *shoveling*; *standing* while bricklaying or chipping castings; *walking* up an 8-degree grade about 2 mph; climbing stairs with a heavy load (about 50 lbs.).

13. Will you be wearing protective clothing and/or equipment (other than the respirator) when you are using your respirator?:

Yes No

If "Yes," describe this protective clothing and/or equipment:

14. Will you be working under hot conditions (temperature exceeding 77 deg. F)?:

Yes No

15. Will you be working under humid conditions?

Yes No

16. Describe the work you will be doing while you are using your respirator(s):

17. Describe any special or hazardous conditions you might encounter when you are using your respirator(s) (for example, confined spaces, life-threatening gases):

18. Provide the following information, if you know it, for each toxic substance that you will be exposed to when you are using your respirator(s):

Name of the first toxic substance:

Estimated maximum exposure level per shift:

Duration of exposure per shift:

Name of the second toxic substance:

Estimated maximum exposure level per shift:

Duration of exposure per shift:

Name of the third toxic substance:

Estimated maximum exposure level per shift:

Duration of exposure per shift:

The name of any other toxic substances that you will be exposed to while using your respirator:

19. Describe any special responsibilities you will have while using your respirator(s) that may affect the safety and well-being of others (for example, rescue, security):