

How accessible is the program?

Once the access codes have been obtained from the distributor, the system is accessible 24/7.

As a manager in charge of the respiratory program, how can I monitor my employees progress on OSHA MedCert?

You will be given an access code and password to get into the records archive for your employees. The following information will be available.

Customer Records

(Example)

Legend

	Mask Types
A	Dust Mask
B	Half Mask
C	Full Facepiece Mask

ID#	First	Last	Suffix	Date/Time	Types	Status	Annual Review	Spectacle Kit
123	Bob	Jones	III	1/4/07 8:00 a.m.	A,B	Approved		Yes
789	Jim	Orr		1/4/07 8:15 a.m.	A,B,C	Approved	Yes	

What happens if a person does not pass OSHA MedCert?

They will be recorded in the records archive as either pending or denied. Those that are not approved will be informed at the conclusion of the evaluation the reasons that they could not be approved by this process. At that point, they will be given an opportunity to provide the doctor with additional information via the automatic email screen. Sometimes, additional information is all that is needed to change the status from pending to approved.

What are some of the conditions that keep a person from passing OSHA MedCert?

The same conditions that would prevent a person from being approved by some other method of evaluation would apply to OSHAMedCert. For instance, a history of heart disease or chronic pulmonary problems would be cause for denial.

Does a physician review every online medical evaluation?

The system created under the guidance and direction of the physician reviews every online medical evaluation and assigns a status of approved, denied or pending. There is no need for the physician to review the responses of all those classified approved or denied. However, the physician will review additional information provided by those having a pending status to make a final determination.

How long does the OSHA MedCert last or is good for?

The OshaMedCert evaluation is good for as long as any other method of evaluation unless the physician has decided that based on the responses and information provided by the employee it would be in the best interest of all concerned to conduct an annual evaluation.

Do users of respirators need to be re-examined on an annual basis?

Not all users need to be re-evaluated on an annual basis. The Respiratory Program Administrator should refer to the requirements outlined in 1910.134 or their corresponding state program standard.

Isn't there more credibility to a physical medical evaluation vs. an on line medical evaluation?

OSHA requires the same questions be asked during an evaluation regardless of the method of performing the evaluation. The OshaMedCert system is an effective and cost efficient screening process. It is as credible as any other screening process. On the other hand, it will obviously not detect conditions that X-rays, pulmonary function tests, lab work, blood pressure measurements or stress tests will detect. OshaMedCert is an option but it is not the only option. Respiratory Program Administrators who feel that their working conditions and requirements warrant face to face medical evaluation for respirator users should be encouraged to utilize that option.

If OSHA audits my files, will I be fined for having an online medical certification?

The OshaMedCert process complies with the requirements of the law.

How accurate are the conclusions of the OSHA MedCert?

The conclusions are as accurate as the responses and information provided by the employee. However, OshaMedCert is a screening process and some employees who have been denied by this process may still be allowed to wear a respirator after physical evaluation by a medical professional using other evaluation techniques or equipment.

The physician at a clinic my company contracts with say that the OSHA MedCert program is not as reliable as an actual physician. Is that true?

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If a person does not pass the medical evaluation, what happens next?

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I like the notion that I can talk to a real person at a medical clinic. Who can I as a Health and Safety Manager talk to at OSHA MedCert if I have questions about the program or an employees medical evaluation?

A great deal of effort has been made to make the OshaMedCert evaluation process simple and efficient for all parties. Questions regarding the process may be directed to the Contact Us feature on the home page. Medical records confidentiality restricts the amount of information that may be made available to the employer. The employer has the right to know if the employee is approved or denied and that information is available to the employer in the records archive. However, the reasons for denial are confidential. See 1910.134 (e) (4) (i) for details.