

# Medical Evaluation Questionnaire.

This medical evaluation questionnaire shall be administered in a manner that ensures that the employee understands the document and its content. The person administering the questionnaire shall offer to read or explain any part of the questionnaire to the employee in a language and manner the employee understands. After giving the employee the questionnaire, the person administering the questionnaire shall ask the following question of the employee:

## "Can you read and complete this questionnaire?"

If the answer is affirmative, the employee shall be allowed to confidentially complete the questionnaire. If the answer is negative, the employer must provide either a copy of the questionnaire in a language understood by the employee or a confidential reader, in the primarily understood language of the employee.

### To the employee: Can you read (circle): Yes/No

(This question to be asked orally by employer. If yes, employee may continue with answering form. If no, employer must provide a confidential reader, in the primarily understood language of 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.

**Section 1. (Mandatory)** Every employee who has been selected to use any type of respirator must provide the following information (please print):

1. Today's date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

2. Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Your age: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Sex (circle one): Male/Female

5. Your height: \_\_\_\_\_ ft. \_\_\_\_\_ in.

6. Your weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs

7. Your job title: \_\_\_\_\_

8. How can you be reached by the health care professional who reviews this questionnaire?

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9. If by phone, the best time to call is Morning/Afternoon/Evening/Night at: (include the area code): \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

10. Has your employer told you how to contact the health care professional who will review this questionnaire (circle one): Yes/No

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

- a. N, R, or P disposable respirator (filter-mask, noncartridge type only).
- b. Half-face respirator (particulate or vapor filtering or both)
- c. Full-face respirator (particulate or vapor filtering or both)
- d. Powered air purifying respirator (PAPR)
- e. Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)
- f. Supplied air respirator (SAR)
- g. Other

12. Have you worn a respirator (circle one): Yes/No If "yes," what type(s):

- a. N, R, or P disposable respirator (filter-mask, noncartridge type only).
- b. Half-face respirator (particulate or vapor filtering or both)
- c. Full-face respirator (particulate or vapor filtering or both)
- d. Powered air purifying respirator (PAPR)
- e. Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)
- f. Supplied air respirator (SAR)
- g. Other

**Section 2.** (Mandatory) Every employee who has been selected to use any type of respirator must answer questions 1 through 8 below (please circle "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 (fits): Yes/No
- b. Allergic reactions that interfere with your breathing: Yes/No
- c. Claustrophobia (fear of closed-in places): Yes/No
- d. Trouble smelling odors: Yes/No/Do not know
- e. Diabetes (sugar disease): Yes/No/Do not know

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

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 (pain in chest): Yes/No
  - d. Heart failure: Yes/No
  - e. Swelling in your legs or feet (not caused by walking): Yes/No
  - f. Irregular heart beat (an arrhythmia): Yes/No/Do not know.
  - g. High blood pressure: Yes/No/Do not know
  - 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
  - f. 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 (fits): 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, check the following space and 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. Breathing difficulty: Yes/No

f. 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 10-15 must be answered by every employee who has been selected to use either a **full facepiece respirator** or a **self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)**. *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 and 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. Difficulty 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

At the discretion of the PLHCP, if further information is required to ascertain the employee's health status and suitability for wearing respiratory protection, the PLHPC may include and require the questionnaire found in Title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 5144, Appendix C, Part B, Questions 1-19.