# Firefighter Applicant Instruction Sheet

### Asthma

### (NOTE - For respiratory conditions other than asthma, please complete the "Other Health Condition Medical Form")

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- 2. If you have asthma and required bronchodilator or corticosteroid therapy for 2 or more consecutive months in the previous 2 years.

#### Instructions for applicant:

- 1. Bring the information from the checklist to your pre-placement medical assessment.
- 2. Please **do not** include the medical information requested with your application form as it contains personal and confidential medical information.
- 3. All documentation (i.e. medical form and required tests) must be completed **within the last 6 months** from the pre-placement medical assessment date. (For example, if the medical assessment is scheduled for January 6, 2016, all your required documents must be dated July 6, 2015 or later.)

#### Checklist:

**Note:** Please download and print the <u>Essential Job Tasks</u> and provide to the physician that will be completing this form for you.

- □ *Firefighter Applicant: Asthma Medical Form* (attached form). This form must be completed by a pulmonologist or other expert in asthmatic lung diseases, such as an allergist, within the last 6 months from the pre-placement medical assessment date.
- □ Results of pre- & post- bronchodilator spirometry completed in the last 6 months. Must be off all bronchodilators on the day of spirometry testing
- Results of provocative challenge testing (methacholine) or exercise challenge test completed within the last 6 months. Challenge testing should be performed off all anti-inflammatory medications for four weeks preceding the test, off all anti-histamines for one week and off all bronchodilators on the day of testing

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Applicant Information

Last Name	First Name	Initial	Date of Birth (YYYY/MM/DD)
Address	City	Province	Postal Code

#### **Physician Information**

Name of Physician	Specialty	Date of Examination (YYYY/MM/DD)
Address of Physician		Phone Number

- 1. How long have you been managing this applicant's asthma?
- 2. What type of asthma does this applicant have (e.g. exercise-induced, nocturnal, occupational asthma, allergic, etc.)?

3. What is the status of this applicant's asthma over the last 2 years (e.g., symptoms, past and current treatment, response to treatment, triggers for asthmatic symptoms, frequency of exacerbations and treatment required)?

- 4. If allergy is the cause of the applicant's asthma, please identify the allergen. Has allergen avoidance or desensitization treatment been successful? Please explain.
- 5. Please provide pre- and post- bronchodilator spirometry results (measured off all bronchodilators on the day of testing).
- 6. Please provide the results of a provocative challenge test (methacholine) or exercise challenge test. **Note:** Challenge testing shall be performed off all anti-inflammatory medications (e.g., inhaled or oral steroids, leukotriene receptor antagonists) for 4 weeks preceding the test, off all antihistamines (e.g. oral allergy medications) for 1 week and off all bronchodilators on the day of testing.

Physician Signature