

## **Commissioned Corps Medical Qualification**

In general, the following medical diagnoses or conditions are **disqualifying**.<sup>\*</sup> There are occasions in which very mild, non-progressive, or asymptomatic forms of some diseases may be permitted an interval of observation (a "Medical Limited Tour"), subject to reevaluation after a trial period on active duty.

1. Diabetes, types I and II (and prediabetes associated with other risk factors, such as overweight, hyperlipidemia, or hypertension).
2. HIV, Hepatitis C, or other serious chronic infections and associated diseases.
3. Inability to see or hear or potentially-progressive diseases leading to blindness or deafness.
4. Current or recent psychotherapy and/or use of medication, for chronic or recurrent psychiatric diagnosis.
5. Ulcerative colitis or Crohn's Disease, or **any immunosuppression** related to disease or treatment (e.g., chronic treatment with oral steroids for conditions like rheumatoid arthritis, asthma or spinal inflammation; any immunosuppressive organ treatment for transplanted or autoimmune disease).
6. Presence of extensive orthopedic hardware (e.g., spinal fusion devices; artificial joints; any screws, rods or pins which cause pain or other symptoms).
7. Any significant alteration of essential internal organs (e.g., gastric bypass surgery, cirrhosis, renal insufficiency, colectomy, tracheotomy).
8. Cardiovascular disease, including atherosclerosis or any condition requiring implanted devices or anticoagulation.
9. Chronic pain condition (anything which requires frequent medication or therapy; e.g., low back pain; fibromyalgia; severe headaches).
10. Any malignancies or pre-malignancies (other than basal cell or squamous cell cancer of skin), unless in remission with no evidence of recurrence or progression for at least 5 years.
11. Applicants cannot be called to active duty while pregnant.
12. Serious neurological disease (e.g. Multiple Sclerosis.)
13. Must meet height/weight requirements (dependent on age and gender).

Any conditions which may progress to disability in the applicant's professional duties, attendance and performance at work, or activities of daily living (e.g., severe asthma or allergies; recurrent sinusitis; headaches; chronic back or joint pain; chronic or recurrent mental illness).

All Medical Qualification questions should be directed to the Office of Commissioned Corps Operations, Medical Evaluation Team - LT Scott Henderson ([Scott.Henderson@hhs.gov](mailto:Scott.Henderson@hhs.gov))

**\*This list is not all inclusive.**