

U.S. Pretrial Services
Officer Medical and Age Requirements

Please read the two attached documents:

1. Medical Requirements and Maximum Entry Age
 2. Probation and Pretrial Services Officer and Officer Assistant Positions: Essential Job Functions
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Choose one of the following:

____ **Yes**, I am able to meet all medical requirements and I am able to perform the essential job functions of the position of U.S. Pretrial Services Officer. I understand that if I am offered this position, I will be required to pass a physical exam and attend a six-week orientation program in South Carolina, which requires rigorous physical activity.

Applicant Signature

Date

____ **No**, I cannot meet all requirements listed and/or I am unable to perform the essential job functions of the position of U.S. Pretrial Services Officer. After reading the attached documents, I have decided to withdraw my application for U.S. Pretrial Services Officer.

Applicant Signature

Date

Medical Requirements and Maximum Entry Age

The duties of pretrial services officers and officer assistants require the investigation and supervision of criminal defendants who can present physical danger to officers and to the public. In the supervision, treatment, and control of these defendants, these duties may require moderate to arduous physical exercise, including prolonged periods of walking and standing, physical dexterity and coordination necessary for officer safety, and use of self-defense tactics. On a daily basis, officers face unusual mental and physical stress because they are subject to danger and possible harm during frequent, direct contact with individuals who are suspected or convicted of committing Federal offenses.

Because officers must effectively deal with physical attacks and are subject to moderate to arduous physical exertion, applicants must be physically capable. Officers must possess, with or without corrective lenses, good distance vision in at least one eye and the ability to read normal size print. Normal hearing ability, with or without a hearing aid, is also required. Any severe health problems, such as physical defects, disease, and deformities that constitute employment hazards to the applicant or others, may disqualify an applicant. Examples of health problems that may be disqualifying are an untreated hernia, cardiovascular disorders, serious deformities or disabilities of the extremities, mental health disorders, fainting and/or seizure disorders, metabolic disorders, bleeding disorders, pulmonary disorders, and marked speech abnormalities.

First-time appointees to positions covered under law enforcement officer retirement provisions must not have reached their 37th birthday at the time of appointment. Applicants 37 or over who have previous law enforcement officer experience under Civil Service Retirement System or the Federal Employees' Retirement System and who have either a subsequent break in service or intervening service in a non-law enforcement officer position may have their previous law enforcement experience subtracted from their age to determine whether they meet the maximum age requirement.

PROBATION AND PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICER AND OFFICER ASSISTANT POSITIONS ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

Based on data collected and analyzed by the Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Services, Division of Federal Occupational Health, Law Enforcement Medical Programs, the following essential job functions have been established to reflect the work of probation and pretrial services officer and officer assistants. An essential job function is a specific job duty that is critical to the safe and effective performance of the job. The ability to perform essential job functions is measured by a physician during an examination of the following specific medical areas.

Cardiovascular; Dermatology; Endocrine; and Metabolic; Musculoskeletal; Neurological; and Respiratory:

- Respond with unplanned vigorous physical activity
- Climb stairs in pursuit or in emergency
- Attempt to physically subdue attacker

Gastrointestinal and Genitourinary:

- Work extended hours
- Travel that requires significant time
- Ability to miss meals

Hematology; Musculoskeletal; Neurological; and Respiratory:

- Drive vehicles on duty
- Drive vehicles in the dark
- Work in adverse weather
- Work under stress
- Walk on uneven surfaces
- Stop, question, or detain individuals (unplanned interviews)
- Encounter individuals who display a violent or irrational temperament
- Confiscate weapons from persons

Head, Nose, Mouth, Throat, and Neck; and Hearing:

- Comprehend speech during face-to-face conversations
- Comprehend speech during telephone conversations
- Comprehend speech when you can't see another officer
- Hear sounds that require investigation
- Ability to localize sounds

Vision:

- Use distant vision for driving
- Use distant vision to monitor activities and/or defendants during interviews
- Use distant vision to monitor exterior/interior home environment
- Use distant vision to assess threats
- Use near vision for reading
- Visually detect peripheral movement and identify a threat