

Steps to Guarantee Valid Documentation of Test Results

1. Reference Audiogram (DD2215)
 - a. Establish / reestablish for valid reasons
 - 1) New reference upon initial entry into routine hazardous noise duties
 - 2) Reestablish after proper follow-up completed
 - a) Positive STS
 - b) Negative STS
 - b. Do **NOT** reestablish new reference because of lost or unavailable medical records
 - 1) For lost records – obtain copies of all previous audios from Data Repository (<https://dohrswww.apgea.army.mil/dohrsdr>)
 - 2) For unavailable records – complete test as 2215 then change to 2216 when records are found (delete 2215 then manually enter as 2216)
 - c. Ensure all examiner & equipment info is correctly entered
 - 1) Examiner name, Cert #, AFSC, and Office symbol
 - 2) Equipment type, Model, Manufacturer, Serial #, Calibration Date
2. Annual/Periodic Audiogram (DD2216)
 - a. Review record completely, use oldest, valid reference
 - 1) MEPS/other physicals are not valid for HCon purposes
 - 2) Do **NOT** extract from another physical (i.e. SF 88)
 - 3) If more than one DD2215 is in record use the most recent **IF** it was established for a valid reason (i.e. pos or neg STS)
 - b. If no valid reference in record, but annual audios (DD2216) have been done, or reference used was not valid, use results from oldest existing valid annual as reference.

3. If subject had STS on NF tests but no referral was made and reference was not reestablished:
 - a. Use last NF test (#1 or#2) to reestablish reference **IF** test was within 30 days⁺⁺ of annual
 - b. If NF tests are more than 30 days⁺⁺ after annual, reestablish reference with annual.
 - c. HCDC/PCM referral

NOTE – OSHA 29CFR 1910.95 allows 30 days⁺⁺ to determine if STS is temporary. If retests are not completed within this time frame, results of annual will stand and reference must be reestablished. Non-compliance can result in citation.

⁺⁺ 90 Days for AFR & ANG



AF Hearing Conservation Help

<http://starview.brooks.af.mil/afioh>

<http://wwwsam.brooks.af.mil>

USAF Data Registry: DSN: 240-2940

USAFSAM Hearing Conservation: DSN: 240-4225

DOEHRS-Helpdesk

1-800-600-9332(Conus); 866-637-8725(OConus)

www.mhs-helpdesk.com

A Quick Desk Reference for HEARING CONSERVATION

Monitoring Audiometry



STS Referral and Documentation Guide

STS Criteria***

STS Criteria IAW AFOSH 48-20 and 29CFR 1910.95		OSHA Recordable Loss (Report on OSHA 300 Log)
Positive STS (hearing is worse)	≥ + 10dB average change @ 2K, 3K AND 4K Hz	Positive STS AND ≥ 25dB average <i>Hearing Levels @ 2K, 3K, AND 4K Hz in the SAME ear</i>
Negative STS (hearing is better)	≥- 10dB average change @ 2K, 3K, AND 4K Hz	N/A

Follow-up Procedures for Positive and Negative STS

Positive STS	FU #1, must be 14 Hrs noise free	FU #2 same day as FU #1	Establish new reference after HCDC/PCM evaluation
Negative STS	FU #1 , must be 14 Hrs noise free (can be same day as annual)	If neg STS persists on FU#1, establish new ref, do not refer to HCDC	
FU #1 & 2 MUST BE COMPLETED within 30 days of annual (90 days for Guard and Reserve)			

Other DOEHRS-HC Based Referral Criteria ***

Asymmetric Hearing Loss	≥ 25dB difference between ears at 2 consecutive frequencies
Masking Required	≥ 40dB difference between ears at any frequency
Low frequency Hearing Loss on Reference Audiogram (2215)	> 25dB average hearing level @ 500, 1000, AND 2000Hz in either ear
High Frequency Hearing Loss on Reference Audiogram (2215)	≥ 55dB hearing levels @ 3000, 4000, OR 6000 Hz

Other Referral Criteria (Not DOEHRS Based)***

Refer to HCDC/HCC/Audiologist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complaints of tinnitus or difficulty hearing in noise - Fitness for Duty issues - Pt fails to meet hearing standards for job requirements - Pt gives unreliable responses
Refer to: Medical Officer/PCM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ear pain or drainage - Severe or persistent tinnitus - Sudden hearing loss - Visible abnormality on otoscopic exam

*** For all HCDC referrals: Ensure an AF Form 1672 OR SF 600 (click 'Functions' on Menu Bar, then 'Referrals') is included in the referral package

AUTHORIZED HCDCs / HCCs

HCDC	PHONE
1 MDG/SGPSA, Langley AFB, VA	DSN 574-9552
3 MDG/SGOSLA, Elmendorf AFB, AK	(317) 552-2651
6 MDG/SGOSL, MacDill AFB, FL	DSN 968-4996
10 MDG/SGOSL, USAFA, CO	DSN 333-5146
31 MDG/SGOR, Aviano AB, ITALY	DSN 632-5320
48 MDG/SGOSL, RAF Lakenheath, GB	DSN 226-3781
52 MDG/SGOR, Spangdahlem AB, GE	DSN 452-7041
55 MDG/SGOSL, Offutt AFB, NE	DSN 271-7375
59 MDW/MMKRA, WHMC, TX	DSN 554-5420
60 MDG/SGCXA, Travis AFB, CA	DSN 799-7163
74 MDG/SGPOD, W-P AFB, OH	DSN 787-9280
81 MSGS/SGCQLA, Keesler AFB, MS	DSN 597-8006
82 MDG/SGOSLA, Sheppard AFB, TX	DSN 736-2143
86 MDG (LRMC), GE	DSN 468-3821
89 MDG/SGPFA, Andrews AFB, MD	DSN 857-8590
96 MDG/SGCXL, Eglin AFB, FL	DSN 875-9021
375 MDG/SGCQSL, Scott AFB, IL	DSN 576-7520

HCC	PHONE
72 AMDS/SGPMA, Tinker AFB, OK	DSN 884-3307
75 AMDS/SGPMA, Hill AFB, UT	DSN 777-1069
78 AMDS/SGPFA, Robins AFB, GA	DSN 497-7610

