

OPTOMETRIC ASSESSMENT FOR ENTRY AS A FIREFIGHTER TO MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

All applicants for entry to the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service as a Firefighter must have an eyesight test undertaken by a qualified optician at their own expense. This form must be completed by the applicant and the Optician and returned to the Human Resources Department, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Lime Grove Avenue, Carmarthen..

Name of Applicant:	_____	Date of Birth:	_____
Address of Applicant:	_____ _____ _____		
Date of Examination:	_____		

NOTES FOR THE EXAMINING OPTICIAN

Recruits for Retained Service must fulfil the following visual standards:-

1. 6/9 with each eye individually-unaided.
2. N12 at 30cm with both eyes open-unaided.
3. Normal visual field in each eye (as determined by confrontation techniques).
4. No history of nyctalopia (night blindness) or ocular disease which is likely to progress and cause subsequent failure of eyesight standards.
5. Appropriate level of colour vision (normally no more than two identification errors in the Ishihara set but candidates who fail this standards will be allowed to undertake more specific tests of colour vision which will be arranged by the Occupational Physician advising the Service.

The Chief Fire Officer reserves the discretionary right to apply a lower standard to recruits for Retained Service in certain special circumstances.

Please ensure that the reverse of this form is completed and signed in your presence by the applicant before signing it yourself and stamping in the appropriate space.

RECORD OF OPTOMETRIST'S FINDINGS

EXAMINATION RESULTS

	Left	Right	Both
Distance visual acuity uncorrected			
Distance visual acuity corrected			
Near vision at 30 cm uncorrected			
Colour vision – number of identification errors in Ishihara set			

The Optometrists must answer all the following questions by ticking the appropriate box:-

	YES	NO
Is the unaided visual acuity in each eye at least 6/9?		
Is the near vision at 30cm with both eyes open at least N12?		
Is the visual field on each eye (by confrontation) normal?		
Is there any history of nyctalopia (night blindness)?		
Is there any progressive ocular disease?		
Colour vision - are there more than two identification errors in the Ishihara set?		

Please note that a tick in the box will normally indicate that the applicant has failed to meet the required standard, except in the case of colour vision where further tests are required before a decision can be made. In the case of unaided visual acuity, the standards may be relaxed under certain special circumstances at the discretion of the Chief Fire Officer.

The above is a true account of my findings today.

Optician's Signature: _____

Optician's Stamp:-

Date: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

MUST BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE EXAMINING OPTICIAN