

## **Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board**

The Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB) is responsible for determining the medical qualification of United States Air Force Academy applicants. All academies and commissioning sources use one general standardized examination to determine medical qualifications.

Here's what it consists of:

- **Scheduling and Examination:** DoDMERB schedules and conducts medical exams for applicants.
- **Evaluation:** It evaluates the results of the medical exam and the applicant's medical history<sup>1</sup>.
- **Determination:** DoDMERB determines whether applicants meet the medical accession standards<sup>1</sup>.
- **Medical Waiver Consideration:** If an applicant does not meet the standards, they may be considered for a medical waiver on a case-by-case basis<sup>1</sup>.
- **Risk Analysis:** A risk analysis is performed to ensure that an applicant can safely train, be commissioned, and be deployable worldwide without restriction after graduation or initial training

1. **Self-Reported Health History:**
  - Applicants provide information about their medical history, including any existing conditions, surgeries, medications, and allergies.
2. **Vital Signs and Measurements:**
  - Height, weight, blood pressure, and vision are measured and documented.
3. **Review of Current Medical Conditions:**
  - Applicants discuss their health with a healthcare provider.
  - Any existing medical conditions are evaluated.
4. **Identification of Potential Health Risks:**
  - The examination identifies potential risks related to an applicant's health.
  - This includes assessing whether the applicant can perform essential duties without endangering themselves or others.
5. **Lab Specimens Collection and Analysis:**
  - As required, lab specimens (such as blood or urine samples) are collected and analyzed.
6. **Recommendations for Health Improvement:**
  - If any health conditions are identified, recommendations are provided to improve those conditions and minimize risks.

For more comprehensive details, you can refer to the **DoD Instruction 6130.03 Volume 1**, which outlines the medical standards for military service appointments, enlistment, or induction<sup>1</sup>. Additionally, the **DoD Manual 6055** covers occupational medical examinations, including medical surveillance and qualification<sup>2</sup>.