

USER'S GUIDE



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An estimated 5 million workers are required to wear respirators in 1.3 million workplaces throughout the United States. Respirators protect workers against insufficient oxygen environments, harmful dusts, fogs, smokes, mists, gases, vapors and sprays. These hazards may cause cancer, lung impairment, other diseases or death. Compliance with the OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard could avert hundreds of deaths and thousands of illnesses annually. When effective engineering controls are not feasible, appropriate respirators shall be used pursuant to the Respiratory Protection Standard (29 CFR 1910.134(c)(1)(ii), "Medical evaluations of employees required to use respirators. Employers shall provide respirators, when necessary, which are applicable and suitable for the purpose intended."

The purpose of any respirator medical questionnaire and evaluation clearance tool is to determine if an individual can tolerate the physiological burden associated with respirator use. Since certain jobs and workplace conditions in which respirators are used can impose a physiological burden on the user, the respirator medical questionnaire and evaluation clearance tool must also consider a number of factors including type and weight of the respirator, duration the respirator is worn and anticipated work conditions such as temperature, humidity and environment. Respirator medical questionnaire and evaluation and clearance tools are designed to identify general medical conditions that place employees who use respirators at risk of serious medical consequences.

RespiratorAssessor[®] is the latest addition to the most user-friendly occupational health software suite on the market today – Assessor[™]. Our easy-to-use online questionnaire helps provide medical clearance for the use of virtually any respirator, in work conditions that you specify yourself.

Quickly and easily generate unique authorization codes for employees to complete the questionnaire at any computer with internet access. Questionnaires are reviewed by a Board-Certified Occupational Health Physician and clearance results are returned within 24 hours!

Recordkeeping is a snap with RespiratorAssessor[®]. Log in to your secure account at any time and run reports on questionnaire completion, employee clearance status and further medical testing recommendations.

Here's how to get started...



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To get started with the Respirator Medical Clearance (RMC) process, you must first create a "Respirator Profile" indicating what type of respirator and under what conditions an employee will be asked to wear the respirator.





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On the next screen, select "**add respirator profile**" and a profile box will appear on your monitor as seen below:



The information entered here will be provided to our Occupational Health Physician to consider as he completes his review and determination of employee questionnaires for medical clearance.



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Upon completing and naming this profile, you will be directed back to the "Respirator Medical Clearance Management" screen. You may add as many profiles as your work requirements and environment may dictate.

At this point you may proceed to generate unique authorization codes to be used by you and/or your employees for questionnaire completion. Click on the link that says "**Proceed to Respirator Clearance**" to continue.



* You may also proceed to this step from the home screen by clicking "Select Employees for Respirator Medical Clearance."



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Now that your profile(s) has been created, you are ready to select employees for respirator medical clearance. Use the search bar to find employees by name, date of birth or employee ID number. If the employees have not yet been entered into your Assessor[™] account, click the "Add New" button to add them. Once you have searched for and found the employees that require respirator medical clearance, click "Add To List" next to their name. You will see their name appear in the Employee List on the right hand side of the screen. You may add as many employees to this list as you desire.

Click "Proceed to Step 2" to continue





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Now that you have selected employees for respirator medical clearance, you are ready to generate unique **authorization codes** to help ensure confidentiality during questionnaire completion. Next to each employee's name, select the appropriate profile and choose as many means of notification as you would like for each employee. You may notify the employee of their authorization code through any combination of the following three (3) methods:

- 1. Provide them with a printed copy of their authorization code
- 2. Send them their authorization code via text message
- 3. Send them their authorization code via email





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See an example of an authorization code report below:





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Employees will be directed to <u>www.RespTest.com</u> to enter their unique authorization code and complete the online questionnaire in accordance with (29 CFR 1910.134(c)(1)(ii). The questionnaire takes 5-15 minutes to complete and is submitted securely through the internet. Only the Physician or other licensed health care professional (PLHCP) will view the questionnaire responses provided by each employee.

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c) Allergic reactions that interfere with your breathing? C Y C N	
d) Claustrophobia (fear of closed in places)? C Y C N	
e) Trouble smelling adors? C Y G N	
f) Unexplained loss of consciousness? C Y G N	
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b) Astma?	
c) Chronic bronchitis? C Y C N	
d) Emphysema? C Y G N	
e) Pneumonia? C Y G N	
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Upon completion of the questionnaire, the employee will select the method with which they will receive notification of their clearance results. They may choose to have the determination emailed to them or they may log back in with their authorization code. Evaluation and determination is completed within 24 hours of questionnaire completion.

As the employer, you will receive an email with summarized clearance results for each employee within 24 hours as well.





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You may view and print individual employee notification reports for respirator medical clearance by going to the Employee History Page for a selected employee. Simply search for an employee with the employee search bar or by clicking on "**Employee List**." Click on the employee's name in question and then click on the "**NR**" icon next to the Respirator Medical Clearance Notification Report that you wish to view.

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At any time, you may wish to login to your RespiratorAssessor[®] account to view the progress of questionnaire completion or clearance results from the Licensed Health Care Professional. To do this, click on "**Reports**" on the top toolbar.

From here, you may choose from a variety of reports including:

- 1. Pending Respirator Medical Clearance Summary
- 2. Completed Respirator Medical Clearance Summary
- 3. Respirator and Fit Testing Expiration Summary





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You may return to your main menu at any time by clicking on the Assessor[™] logo in the upper left hand corner of your screen or by clicking on "**main menu**" from the tool bar on the left hand side of your screen. From here, you may enter the results of an employee's respirator fit test.





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Select an employee for fit testing exactly as you selected an employee for medical clearance previously. Proceed to Step 2.





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In Step 2, click on "Enter Record."





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Once you have clicked "Enter Record" you may enter the results of the fit test in the pop-up box that appears below. If you are fit testing the employee on more than one (1) respirator and wish to enter the results from multiple fit tests, make sure to click "Add Another" in the lower right hand corner before proceeding.

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Once the fit test record has been entered, you will have the ability to print a copy of the record as well as a fit testing wallet card for the employee(s) in question.





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View past fit test records for any employee from their Employee History Page by clicking on the "FIT" icon next to the fit testing record of interest.

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OSHA requires employers to retain occupational health test records for the duration of an associate's employment, plus thirty (30) years. Employees may retire, be terminated, go out on FMLA, or be removed from hearing conservation or respiratory protection programs based on changes in job responsibilities. AssessorTM gives you the ability to "inactivate" employees without ever losing any demographic or historical test data.

From your Employee List, click on "**showing**" in the upper right hand corner and select "**cleanup mode**." You will see two columns appear to the left of each employee's name for Inactive (IA) and Active (AC). After selecting the status for each employee, be sure to "**Click to Apply New Active Status**" before leaving this page.





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Occasionally, you may find a duplicate employee record in your employee list. Assessor[™] gives you the ability to merge duplicate records into a single entry. From your Employee List, click on "**showing**" in the upper right hand corner and select "**find duplicates**." You will now see checkboxes to the left of each employee's name. Check the duplicate records and the "**Click to Merge Selected Users**."

Note: AssessorTM identifies duplicates by searching for employee records with identical last name AND birth date. If these fields are not both identical, they will not appear in your employee list when you enter the "**find duplicates**" mode.





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