

MEDICAL EXAMINATION FAQs – PART 13

MASK FIT STATION

Q-1: What is tested at the Mask Fit station?

A-1: This station tests your ability to wear the breathing mask used to perform some firefighter duties.

Q-2: What happens if I have facial hair?

A-2: Firefighters must be able to maintain a proper seal in order to safely use a breathing mask. Safety standards prohibit any facial hair that comes between the sealing surface of the mask and the skin. You will not be mask fit tested if you have facial hair that comes between the sealing surface and the skin.

Please be advised:

- Mustaches are permitted but shall conform to the following:
 - They must be closely trimmed.
 - They must not extend beyond the corners of the mouth.
 - They must not extend below any portion of the upper lip.
- Beards, goatees, or any form of facial hair beneath the lower lip are prohibited.
- All candidates shall be otherwise freshly shaven when reporting for a mask fit test.