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The Guide provides pertinent information and guidance needed to perform the duties and responsibilities of an Aviation Medical Examiner.

**NOTE:** Updates to the AME Guide are posted on the last Wednesday of each month, usually before 9:00 a.m. CT. For specific dates, see the [2022 update schedule](#). Refer to the [Archives](#) (PDF) document for a description of changes posted each month.

### AME ALERT

- After careful study of data from 425 pilots in the SSRI Program, the FAA has determined that the [neuropsychologist evaluation AND routine CogScreen-AE administration](#) (PDF) are no longer necessary for **RENEWAL** of an SSRI special issuance, except when clinically indicated or specified on the Authorization/Special Consideration Letter. This policy change does **NOT** affect **initial evaluations** and the current AME checklists and Specifications for Neuropsychological Evaluations should still be used. (Policy change 12/15/2022.)
- In [Item 50. Distance Vision](#) and [Item 51. Near and Intermediate Vision](#), a single, simplified **visual acuity** limitation now replaces (the seven) previous visual acuity limitations. For all classes of medical certificate, when corrective lenses are required to meet any of the visual acuity standards, the AME must add **AMCS limitation 102** to the medical certificate: “**Must Use Corrective Lens(es) to meet vision standards at all required distances.**” This change does