



VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT RECRUITING UNIT

Visual Acuity Standards

2026/01/11

An ophthalmologist or optometrist must assess visual acuity, and the applicant must meet the Vancouver Police Department's visual acuity standards.

Please note that the information is in the Snellen format (i.e., 20/20, 20/40, etc.). Orthokeratology (ortho-k) is not an accepted procedure to correct vision.

POLICE CONSTABLE (PC)

The vision standards are:

- Uncorrected vision: 20/40 with both eyes open, with any one eye no worse than 20/100.
- Corrected vision: 20/20 with both eyes open, with any one eye no worse than 20/40.
- Colour vision: colour vision should be normal (i.e., pass the Farnsworth D-15 test).
- Peripheral vision: 150 continuous degrees along the horizontal meridian binocularly and 30 degrees above and below the fixation point.
- Binocular vision: stereoacuity of 100 seconds of arc or better (i.e., pass the TITUMS or RANDOT – Circles test).

SPECIAL MUNICIPAL CONSTABLE (SMC)

The vision standards are:

- Corrected vision: 20/20 with both eyes open, with any one eye no worse than 20/40.
- Colour vision: colour vision should be normal (i.e., pass the Farnsworth D-15 test).
- Binocular vision: stereoacuity of 100 seconds of arc or better (i.e., pass the TITUMS or RANDOT – Circles test).