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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Are serving officers allowed to use hearing aids while operational?

Yes, an existing Police Officer can wear hearing aids if they are compatible with the Airwave radio terminal and a risk assessment carried out. This complies with the Equality Act.

## Can an officer who has some form of hearing loss but uses hearing aids be allowed to do response driving and carry a firearm?

Yes, an existing Police Officer can wear hearing aids if they are compatible with the Airwave radio terminal and a risk assessment carried out. This complies with the Equality Act.

Police Officers must meet the required standard set by the College of Policing which is tested through a medical.

## Is there a certain standard that is required? If so what is that standard?

Low - 0.5 + 1 + 2 <84

High - 3 + 4 + 6 <123

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.