

CSA astronaut-candidates/Mission Specialists will be required to undergo annual physical exams by JSC's Flight Medicine Clinic. The annual medical examinations will be conducted under NASA Medical Standards JSC 24834, and the results reviewed by the AMB under NMI 1152.59. These exams will determine a Mission Specialist's medical flight status.

Periodically, the NASA Training Coordinator will provide to the CSA Training Coordinator information related to the performance of the CSA astronaut-candidates/Mission Specialists while under the supervision of NASA.

Upon request, NASA will facilitate the issuance of appropriate documentation for CSA personnel participating in activities under this Agreement.

4.2 Basic Training (Candidacy Period)

As a part of Training, CSA astronaut-candidates will enter a 1-year basic training period. Each astronaut-candidate is expected to participate in all aspects of the basic training program, including travel, as specified by NASA. This training will not qualify CSA astronaut-candidate/Mission Specialists to fly in the front-seat of NASA T-38 aircraft.

Throughout the basic training period, CSA astronaut-candidates will be evaluated by NASA's Chief of the Astronaut Office based on the candidates' overall Training performance. Upon successful completion of the basic training period, CSA astronaut-candidates will, in consultation with CSA, be designated by NASA as Mission Specialists.

Upon successful completion of the basic training requirements, CSA may choose to suspend Training for any or all of its Mission Specialists and return them to Canada to support the Canadian space program. However, Mission Specialists who suspend Training except to take approved vacation or emergency leave for a period of less than one month, must return to active status in the NASA Astronaut Office (actively engaged in Training) for at least 12 months prior to being eligible for flight assignment consideration.