

CERTIFICATION

The POST Commission establishes minimum police certification standards and can deny an application or limit, condition, restrict, revoke, or suspend a certification for any reasonable cause.

By statute, all individuals not employed as a police officer on July 1, 2021 must be newly certified by POST. This includes new hires that were not statutorily certified and new full-time academy graduates. Certification is valid for three years.

New candidates, new officer hires, and special State Police officers (SSPO) are eligible for certification.

New Candidate Hires Attending, scheduled to attend, or have recently graduated from an MPTC-operated or authorized basic training academy

New Officer Hires Completed basic training, have worked as a police officer, but were not employed as a police officer on July 1, 2021 and not certified by statute

Special State Police Officers

Hired by SSPO agencies under POST Commission purview

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