

2030 ADMITTANCE TO POST SPONSORED BASIC TRAINING PROGRAMS

POLICY

Applicants for any peace officer training program conducted by or through the Utah Division of Peace Officer Standards and Training shall comply with all requirements outlined in Utah Code Ann. § 53-6-203 and with the requirements of this policy.

PROCEDURE

APPLICATION

An application to attend a basic peace officer training program must be filled out in its entirety. Applications must be completed and submitted electronically via the POST website.

Applications shall be considered valid for 6 months **from the time the application is completed by the applicant**. Applications older than 6 months must be resubmitted before an applicant will be considered for acceptance to a peace officer training program. Applications must be completed and received by POST at least four weeks prior to the start of the training program unless special circumstances exist and arrangements have been made with the POST Director or Deputy Director.

ENTRANCE EXAM

In accordance with POST Council directive issued in January 1997, applicants must show they have adequate reading, writing, and mathematical skills, by passing the National Peace Officers Selection Test (NPOST). In order to maintain the integrity of the exam and allow POST a means to verify the completion of the testing requirement, scoring of the NPOST will be provided through Standard & Associates, Inc.

Test results indicating the applicant has passed the NPOST should be included with the application and received by POST at least four weeks prior to the start of the training program unless special circumstances exist and arrangements have been made with the POST Director or Deputy Director.

At the discretion of the Academy Director, an applicant may be allowed to start the training program pending the results of the NPOST; however, POST must receive confirmation that the cadet has passed the NPOST before the beginning of the fifth week of the academy or before taking the SFO certification test, whichever comes first. A cadet who has not passed the NPOST prior to the fifth week of the training program will be subject to dismissal.

Note: Applicants for LEO training who are currently certified as SFO and who attended SFO training prior to 1997, may be accepted into the LEO training program without the NPOST. The entrance exam requirements in this section do not apply to applicants for dispatcher certification.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Before accepting any applicant into any peace officer training program conducted by or through the Utah Division of Peace Officer Standards and Training the director of a certified academy shall ensure the applicant meets the following legal requirements:

1. The applicant shall be a United States citizen.
 - a. The applicant shall provide proof of citizenship by providing a copy of a birth certificate, or other formal government document indicating United States citizenship
 - b. Naturalized citizens shall indicate their naturalization number on the application or provide a copy of a current and valid U.S. Passport.

Note: Naturalized citizens shall not attach a copy of their naturalization certificate, whereas copying naturalization certificates without permission is a violation of federal law.

2. The applicant shall be at least 21 years old prior to the beginning of the training program for which the applicant has applied. Evidence of date of birth shall be established by a birth certificate or other official government document.
3. The applicant shall be a high school graduate or shall furnish evidence of successful completion of an examination indicating an equivalent achievement.
4. The applicant shall have not been convicted of a crime for which the applicant could have been punished by imprisonment in a federal penitentiary or by imprisonment in the penitentiary of this or another state;
5. The applicant shall have demonstrated good moral character, as determined by a background investigation, which may include consideration of offenses that have been expunged under Utah Code Ann. § 77-40-108 or that have been dismissed or that have been treated in a similar manner to either of these procedures.

6. The applicant shall be free of any physical, emotional, or mental condition that might adversely affect the performance of the applicant's duties as a peace officer.