

MINIMUM SELECTION STANDARDS FOR PEACE OFFICER LICENSURE

Minnesota Rules, Chapter 6700.0300, subp. 5(D), requires all students be advised in writing of minimum selection standards that must be met to become a licensed peace officer in Minnesota. Students are advised of these standards in order to make informed decisions about participation in the professional peace officer education program.

If a student has been convicted of a felony in Minnesota or any other state or federal jurisdiction or any of the standards listed below, the student is barred from becoming a licensed peace officer in Minnesota.

The following list of convictions pertains to juveniles tried as an adult or any individual 18 years of age or older. A juvenile record does not bar a student from becoming a peace officer in Minnesota.

609.224	Assault in the fifth degree
609.2242	Domestic Assault
609.23	Mistreatment of persons confined
609.231	Mistreatment of residents or patients
609.2325	Criminal Abuse (vulnerable adult)
609.233	Criminal Neglect (vulnerable adult)
609.2335	Financial Exploitation (vulnerable adult)
609.234	Failure to report (maltreatment of a vulnerable adult under MN §626.557)
609.324	Other prohibited acts (prostitution related)
609.465	Presenting false claims
609.466	Medical assistance fraud
609.52	Theft (Including petty crimes)
609.72 Subd. 3	Disorderly conduct (re: vulnerable adult)
243.166	Registration of predatory offenders
243.167	Registration under the predatory offender registration law for other offenses

6700.0700 MINIMUM SELECTION STANDARDS

Subpart 1. Selection standards. A person eligible to be licensed shall meet the following minimum selection standards before being appointed to the position of peace officer. The appointing authority may affirm that the applicant has already completed certain of these standards, but the affirmation must be documented pursuant to subpart 2.

- A. The applicant shall be a citizen of the United States.
- B. The applicant shall possess a valid Minnesota driver's license; or in case of residency therein, a valid driver's license from a contiguous state; or eligibility to obtain either license.
- C. The applicant shall complete a comprehensive written application.
- D. The applicant shall submit to a thorough background search, including searches by local, state, and federal agencies, to disclose the existence of any criminal record or conduct which would adversely affect the performance by the applicant of peace officer duties.
- E. The applicant must not be required to register as a predatory offender under Minnesota Statutes, section 243.166 or 243.167.
- F. No applicant may be appointed to the position of peace officer who has been convicted:

- (1) of a felony in this state or in any other state or federal jurisdiction:

(2) of any offense in any other state or federal jurisdiction which would have been a felony if committed in Minnesota;

(3) under Minnesota Statutes, section 609.224, 609.2242, 609.231, 609.2325, 609.233, 609.2335, 609.234, 609.324, 609.465, 609.466, 609.52, or 609.72, subdivision 3; or convicted under any state or federal narcotics or controlled substance law irrespective of any proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 152.18, or any similar law of another state or federal law; or

(4) of any of the crimes listed in this item in another state or federal jurisdiction, or under a local ordinance that would be a conviction if committed in Minnesota.

G. The applicant shall be fingerprinted for the purpose of disclosure of any felony convictions. Fingerprint cards shall be forwarded to the appropriate divisions of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The chief law enforcement officer shall immediately notify the board if a previous felony conviction is discovered.

H. A licensed physician or surgeon shall make a thorough medical examination of the applicant to determine that the applicant is free from any physical condition which might adversely affect the performance of peace officer duties.

I. An evaluation, including an oral interview, shall be made by a licensed psychologist to determine that the applicant is free from any emotional or mental condition which might adversely affect the performance of peace officer duties.

J. The applicant shall pass a job-related examination of the applicant's physical strength and agility to demonstrate the possession of physical skills necessary to the accomplishment of the duties and functions of a peace officer.

K. The applicant shall successfully complete an oral examination conducted by or for the agency to demonstrate the possession of communication skills necessary to the accomplishment of the duties and functions of a peace officer.

Subp. 2. Documentation. The chief law enforcement officer shall maintain documentation necessary to show completion of subpart 1. The chief law enforcement officer is not required to obtain documentation for subpart 1, item I, if the applicant completed part 6700.0500, subpart 3. The documentation is subject to periodic review by the board, and shall be made available to the board at its request.

Subp. 3. Repealed, 18 SR 1961

Subp. 4. More rigid standards. An appointing authority may require an applicant to meet more rigid standards than those prescribed in this part.

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