



# Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training

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## Reciprocity and Military Reciprocity Licensing Information

### RECIPROCITY REQUIREMENTS (Pursuant to Minn. R. 6700.0501)

For the purposes of determining eligibility, the terms are defined as follows.

1. **Basic Police Education** means:

- A. a basic course recognized by a state council, state commission, state board, or state agency which leads to licensing or basic certification as a law enforcement officer where the appointing authority is located; or
- B. a basic course sponsored by the federal government for its law enforcement officers, including but not limited to the basic Drug Enforcement Administration's agent school, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's basic agent school or the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's uniformed patrol course or basic investigator's course. This does not include military training.

2. **Law Enforcement Officer** means:

- A. a person appointed or employed as a peace officer in another state, not including part-time peace officers, reserve peace officers, or auxiliary peace officers; or
- B. a federal law employee who has full powers of arrest, authority to carry a firearm, and is classified in a law enforcement position by the Office of Personnel Management, not including any time served in the United States armed services.

3. **Comparable Pre-employment Education** means:

- A. a post-secondary degree from a regionally accredited college or university and at least 3 years of experience as a law enforcement officer since completing basic police training; or

B. at least 5 years of experience as a law enforcement officer since completing basic police training.

4. **Post–secondary Degree** means an academic title awarded by a post-secondary institution which is accredited by a member of one of the six regional accrediting associations and authorized to award degrees including, but not limited to, Associate of Arts (A.A.) degrees, Associate of Science (A.S.) degrees, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degrees, and Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degrees.
5. **Years of Experience** means the total number of years the applicant has been employed as a law enforcement officer since completing the basic police education course.
6. **Eligibility** means a person who has comparable pre-employment education, meets the following criteria:

A. Military Reciprocity:

- i. Four years of cumulative experience in a law enforcement occupational specialty,
- OR**
- ii. at least two years cumulative experience in a law enforcement occupational specialty plus a degree from a regionally accredited postsecondary institution,
- OR**
- iii. experience as a full-time peace officer in another state combined with cumulative service experience in a military law enforcement occupational specialty totaling four years.

B. Regular Reciprocity:

- i. Complete basic police training in another state or federal law enforcement, and work in a law enforcement capacity for three years following basic training and possess a post-secondary degree; or five years following basic training if the individual does not possess a post-secondary degree. Candidates for reciprocity must have been working in law enforcement within the past six years.

C. And who has not had his or her peace officer license, certificate, or the federal equivalent suspended or revoked.

7. **Duration of eligibility** means the one-year period the applicant has in which to take the examination after being approved by the Minnesota POST Board.

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