

Sec. 7-294e-2. Eligibility for lateral certification or comparative certification; lapsed certification

(a) A candidate for lateral certification to a position as a police officer in any law enforcement unit within the state shall meet all Council entry level requirements, except the standard in subsection (n) of section 7-294e-16 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(b) In those circumstances where certification has lapsed as provided in section 7-294d(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Council may grant a full or partial waiver of the police basic training requirement, specifying the elements of the program, if any, the candidate will be required to satisfactorily complete. A request for waiver of the requirement of police basic training shall be forwarded to the Council in writing by the chief of police of the law enforcement unit seeking to employ such police officer, giving all pertinent information. If the request for a waiver originates from a municipality or agency for which there is no chief of police, or concerns the position of chief of police, the request shall be made by the candidate's appointing authority.

(c) A candidate for comparative certification to a position as a police officer in any law enforcement unit within the state shall satisfactorily meet all Council-approved entry level requirements. The candidate shall also complete a Council-approved police basic training program.

The Council may grant a full or partial waiver of the police basic training requirement, specifying the elements of the program, if any, the candidate will be required to satisfactorily complete. A request for waiver of the requirement of police basic training shall be forwarded to the Council in writing by the chief of police of the law enforcement unit seeking to employ such police officer, giving all pertinent information. If the request for a waiver originates from a municipality or agency for which there is no chief of police, or concerns the position of chief of police, the request shall be made by the candidate's appointing authority.

(d) In determining whether to waive all or a portion of the required police basic training program, the Council shall evaluate in comparison to current standards the quality and extent of the candidate's (1) previous basic training and certification as a police officer; (2) formal, professional and in-service training and education in law enforcement and criminal justice; (3) length of service and field experience as a police officer; and (4) length of absence from employment with a law enforcement unit.

The council may waive those portions of the police basic training program for which a candidate demonstrates the satisfactory completion of a substantially equivalent training or educational program in another state or jurisdiction, or a length of service with field experience sufficient to establish a practical mastery of the required skills, or a satisfactory combination of both.

(e) A candidate for comparative certification or lateral certification to any position other than that of an entry level police officer position shall not be required by the Council to meet entry level standards in subsections (e) and (n) of section 7-294e-16 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

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