

POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for a police officer certification in Connecticut, an applicant must meet all relevant entry-level requirements, some of which are that the candidate:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be at least 21 years of age
- Be a high school graduate, or have passed the General Educational Development test (GED)
- Possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license
- Pass a validated written entry test *
- Have been tested by an oral interview panel with at least one Connecticut POST Council certified police officer on the panel *
- Have been fingerprinted, and a search made of fingerprint files for any record *
- Not have been convicted by a court of any felony, any class A or class B misdemeanor, or have committed any act which would constitute perjury or false statement
- Have been the subject of a background investigation *
- Have been the subject of a polygraph examination (by POST Council approved polygraph examiners only) *
- Have been the subject of a psychological examination *
- Have not tested positive on a controlled substance drug screen *
- Have met all physical fitness requirements
- Have personally certified knowledge that any falsification of any statement in the application process constitutes grounds for termination *
- Have been examined and certified by a Council accepted method as fit to perform the duties of a probationary candidate police officer (or a lateral transfer of a certified police officer)

* For the City of Bridgeport, the office of the Civil Service Commission coordinates these items for qualified candidates.