

12 NCAC 10B .1602 is proposed for amendment as follows:

12 NCAC 10B .1602 ~~GENERAL PROVISIONS~~ ELIGIBILITY FOR PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

(a) In order to be eligible for one or more of the telecommunicator professional ~~awards~~, certificates, a telecommunicator shall first meet the following preliminary qualifications:

(1) be a full-time telecommunicator who holds a valid general or grandfather ~~certification~~ certification, as defined in G.S. 17E-7(a), ~~under the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission.~~ A telecommunicator serving under a probationary certification is not eligible for consideration;

(2) any telecommunicator subject to suspension or revocation proceedings, under investigation for possible decertification action, under a period of active revocation of their certification, or under probation or suspended sanction, by the Commission or the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, shall not be eligible for any telecommunicator professional certificates for the pendency of the proceedings or period of probation, suspension, or revocation; and

~~(2)(3) be familiar with and subscribe to the Telecommunicator Code of Ethics as published by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials and the National Emergency Number Association including any subsequent editions or modifications thereto. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained at no cost from the Sheriffs' Standards Division, North Carolina Department of Justice, Post Office Box 629, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602-0629. meet and maintain the requirements of certification pursuant to Rule .0301 and Section .1300 of this Subchapter.~~

(b) ~~employees~~ Employees of a North Carolina ~~Sheriff's Office~~ sheriff's office or other agency who have previously held general or grandfather telecommunicator certification under the ~~North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission~~ Commission, but are presently, by virtue of promotion or transfer, serving in positions not subject to ~~certification~~ certification, are eligible to participate in the Professional Certificate Program. Eligibility for this exception requires continuous employment with the sheriff's office or agency from the date of promotion or transfer from a certified position to the date of application for a professional certificate.

(c) Only training and experience gained in a telecommunicator's area of ~~expertise~~ expertise, as described in Paragraph (d) of this Rule, ~~will~~ shall be eligible for application to this program.

(d) Certificates shall be awarded based upon a formula contained herein ~~which~~ that combines formal education, training, and ~~actual~~ experience as a telecommunicator. Points are computed in the following manner:

(1) each semester hour of college credit shall equal one education point and each quarter hour of college credit shall equal two thirds of ~~a point~~; an education point. No correspondence or vocational courses shall be credited towards education points unless an accredited institution, as set out in Paragraph (g) of this Rule, credits the courses towards a degree;

(2) ~~twenty 20 classroom~~ hours of ~~commission approved~~ telecommunicator training shall equal one training point; and

(3) ~~only~~ experience as a full-time telecommunicator telecommunicator, as defined in Rule .0103(20) of this Subchapter, ~~certified through the Commission shall be acceptable for consideration.~~

(e) In addition to the qualifications set forth in Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this Rule, applicants for the Intermediate Telecommunicator Professional Certificate shall have acquired the following combination of educational points or degrees, telecommunicator training points, and years of telecommunicator experience:

<u>Educational Degrees</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Bachelor</u>
<u>Years of</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Telecommunicator</u>					
<u>Experience</u>					
<u>Minimum</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Telecommunicator</u>					
<u>Training Points</u>					
<u>Minimum Total</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Education and</u>					
<u>Training Points</u>					

(f) In addition to the qualifications set forth in Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this Rule, applicants for the Advanced Telecommunicator Professional Certificate shall possess or be eligible to possess the Intermediate Telecommunicator Professional Certificate and shall have acquired the following combination of educational points or degrees, telecommunicator training points, and years of telecommunicator experience:

<u>Educational</u>					<u>Doctoral,</u>
<u>Degrees</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Bachelor</u>	<u>Professional</u>
					<u>or Master</u>
<u>Years of</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Telecommunicator</u>					
<u>Experience</u>					
<u>Minimum</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>Telecommunicator</u>					
<u>Training Points</u>					
<u>Minimum Total</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>Education and</u>					
<u>Training Points</u>					

(g) Educational points or degrees claimed shall have been earned at a technical institute, technical college, community college, junior college, college or university accredited as such by the Department of Education of the state in which

1 the institution is located, or a national or regional accrediting body. No credit shall be given for any correspondence
2 or vocational courses unless credited towards a degree by an accredited institution.

3 (h) No more than 40 hours of training obtained by completing the telecommunicator certification course, as set out in
4 Rule .1302 of this Subchapter, shall be credited toward training points.

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7 *Eff. April 1, 2001;*

8 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2013;*

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10 *2018.*

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