

RECOGNITION OF MILITARY POLICE EXPERIENCE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

In 2015, North Carolina passed legislation [N.C.G.S. §17C-10.1] that awarded military service members and veterans for their experience and training they received while serving in a military police occupation. The Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission developed an application form, Form F-21, to be used to request an evaluation of individual's training and experience serving in a military police occupation.

1. What are the minimum qualifications to apply to have your military police training and experience evaluated?

You must meet all of the below criteria:

- a. Successfully completed a military police training program and been awarded a military police occupational specialty rating.
- b. Performed military police officer duties in any of the branches of military service for at least two of the five years preceding the date of the application.
- c. Have a honorable discharge or be in good standing if a current member of the armed forces
- d. Meet the minimum standards for law enforcement officers set out in 12 NCAC 09B .0101 and 12 NCAC 09B .0111.

2. How is the two years determined for active duty members?

Active duty members must have at least two calendar years out of the last five calendar years of performing military police officer duties.

3. Is the time limit evaluated the same for members of the Air/Army National Guard and Military Reserve Components?

No. Members of the Air/Army National Guard and Military Reserve Components who have performed as a military police officer for not less than 1,040 hours during the five years preceding the date of application shall be deemed to satisfy the requirement of performing military police officer duties in any of the branches of military service for at least two of the five years preceding the date of the application.

4. What is evaluated?

The Criminal Justice Commission evaluates the individual applicant's combined training and experience. Combined training includes basic military training, basic military police training, in-service or advanced military police training, and any other military training courses that may be applicable to the performance of law enforcement duties.

All law enforcement related training will be evaluated. Examples of law enforcement related training are:

- a. Patrol Techniques
- b. Domestic Violence
- c. Individuals with Mental Illness and Developmental Disabilities
- d. Human Trafficking
- e. Subject Control and Arrest Techniques
- f. Law Enforcement Driving
- g. Firearms

5. What is the least/most amount of training that I will have to complete?

If upon evaluating your combined training and experience it is determined that it is substantially equivalent to or exceeds the minimum expectations for employment as a law enforcement officer and you meet all other minimum standards for certification will be required to complete the Legal Unit and the Civil Process section of the Commission required Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET), currently 120 hours. Individuals who are evaluated to meet this standard and who has successfully completed the employing agency's in-service firearms training and qualification will be awarded probationary certification and within a one year period complete the Legal Unit and the Civil Process section in a Commission-accredited BLET program and pass the state comprehensive examination.

If upon evaluation your combined training and experience it is determined that it is not substantially equivalent to or does not exceed the minimum expectations for employment as a law enforcement officer will be required to complete the Legal Unit and the Civil Process section (120 hours) and up to 180 hours of identified high-liability training in an Commission-accredited BLET program and pass the state comprehensive exam. Individuals who fall in this category will be required to complete the required training and pass the state comprehensive examination before being applying for probationary certification.

In both categories, you must be able to meet the minimum requirements for certification.

So based on the evaluation, the least amount of hours you would be required to complete would be 120 hours and the maximum would be 300 hours.

6. Do I have to complete the training prior to being awarded my probationary certification?

If after the evaluation you are found to only require the Legal Unit and Civil Process Section (120 hrs) in a Commission accredited BLET you can be awarded your probationary certification and will have one year to complete the 120 hours of training and pass the state comprehensive examination.

If after the evaluation you are found to require more than the above 120 hours of training, you will be required to complete the identified training in a Commission accredited BLET and pass the state comprehensive exam prior to be awarded certification.

7. How soon will I know the results of my evaluation?

The applicant will be advised within 30 days of receiving a completed application of the results of their evaluation?

8. How do I apply?

The request for evaluation form, Form F-21 can be found on the Criminal Justice Standards Division's website, under the certification section:

<http://www.ncdoj.gov/About-DOJ/Law-Enforcement-Training-and-Standards/Criminal-Justice-Education-and-Training-Standards.aspx>

9. Will the training evaluation conducted by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission be recognized by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission?

No. The training evaluation from the Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission can only be used for the Criminal Justice Commission. Individuals desiring to be certified as a deputy (justice officer) through the Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission must apply through that Commission.

10. If through this program I earn my certification while on active duty, what requirements do I have to meet to maintain it?

12 NCAC 09B .0701(j) of the Criminal Justice Standards Commission rules state:

An active duty military police officer who obtains certification while on active duty under this Rule may retain certification for the duration of active duty provided the officer continues to perform military police officer duties and complies with the in-service training requirements, as specified in Rule 09E .0105 (Minimum Training Specifications: Annual In-service Training) of this chapter. An active duty military police officer who is unable to complete annual in-service requirements due to deployment or overseas assignment shall have 12 months from the time the officer returns to the United States in which to complete the in-service training requirements. The officer shall retain the certification for a period of one year following separation from active duty.

11. Do I need to have a military police occupation to complete BLET while on active duty and become certified?

No. Any occupation can attend BLET while on active duty. But only those awarded a military police occupation can apply to have their military training and experience evaluated for training credit.

12. Can I complete BLET while on active duty and maintain my certification eligibility until I separate from the military.

Yes. The Criminal Justice Standards Commission recognizes that not all military members can become certified while on active duty and has approved a rule that allows an active duty individual who successfully complete BLET and pass the state comprehensive examination to maintain their certification eligibility until their separation from active duty if they complete the state's mandated in-service training minus the firearms qualification requirement for each year after they complete BLET and pass the state comprehensive examination.

12 NCAC 09B .0403(a)(19) of the Criminal Justice Standards Commission rules states:

An active duty member of the armed forces who completes the basic training course in its entirety as prescribed in Rule .0405 of this Subchapter, annually completes the mandatory in-service training topics as prescribed in 12 NCAC 09E .0105, with the exception of the Firearms Qualification and Testing requirements contained in 12 NCAC 09E .0105(a)(1), for each year subsequent to the completion of the basic training course, and achieves a passing score on the state comprehensive examination as prescribed in Rule .0406 of this Subchapter within five years of separating from active duty status shall be eligible for probationary certification as prescribed in 12 NCAC 09C .0303 for a period of 12 months from the date he or she separates from active duty status in the armed forces. All mandatory in-service training topics as prescribed in 12 NCAC 09E .0105 shall be completed by the individual prior to receiving probationary certification as prescribed in 12 NCAC 09E .0105.

13. Once I complete BLET and pass the state comprehensive examination while on active duty, where should I submit my proof of completing mandatory in-service training?

You will need to submit copies of either the training rosters or the training certificates for your in-service training to the Criminal Justice Standards Division. The proof of the training can be submitted as soon as it is completed or no later than January 15th of the following year. Example: proof of 2017 training should be submitted no later than January 15, 2018.

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