

Rule 10 – Basic Peace Officer Certification

Effective January 31, 2016

- (a) The POST Board is authorized to issue POST Basic Peace Officer Certification to any applicant who meets the following requirements:
 - (I) Possesses and submits a copy of his/her high school diploma, or high school equivalency certificate; and
 - (II) Possesses and submits a copy of his/her current first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification, or equivalents; and
 - (III) Truthfully completes and submits the POST Form 1 - *Application for Basic Peace Officer Certification*; and
 - (IV) Successfully completes the fingerprint-based criminal history record check required under Rule 14; and
 - (V) If applicable, submits a copy of his/her DD214 showing he/she has not been released or discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States under dishonorable conditions, per § 24-31-301(5), C.R.S.; and
 - (VI) Successfully completes an approved basic training academy, including skills training, and passes the written certification examination within two years of the graduation date; and
 - (VII) Submits a copy of his/her academy certificate of completion; and
 - (VIII) Possesses and submits a copy of his/her current Colorado Driver's License or State-Issued Identification card.
- (b) POST Basic Peace Officer Certification qualifies the person to seek employment and serve as a fully authorized peace officer with any Colorado law enforcement agency recognized in Article 2.5 of Title 16, C.R.S.
- (c) If a basic or reserve certificate holder has not served as a peace officer or reserve peace officer for a total of at least six (6) months during any consecutive three-year period, the certification automatically expires at the end of such three-year period, unless the certificate holder is then serving as a peace officer or reserve peace officer.
- (d) A certified peace officer who has obtained basic certification may maintain current status as a certified peace officer while serving in a reserve peace officer position, recognized in § 16-2.5-110, C.R.S.
- (e) A certified reserve peace officer seeking regular basic peace officer certification may apply his/her successfully completed skills training,

obtained through the reserve peace officer certification program at a POST approved reserve academy, towards basic peace officer certification. Acceptance of the skills training is at the option of the director of the basic peace officer training academy to which the applicant is seeking enrollment.