

APSC WAIVER & RECIPROCITY REGULATIONS

The Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC) is the certifying agency for police officers in Alaska. The waiver and reciprocity regulations for APSC are under Alaska's Administrative Code:

13 AAC 85.060. WAIVER AND RECIPROCITY

(a) The council will, in its discretion, waive part or all of the basic police training requirements if an applicant furnishes satisfactory evidence that the applicant has successfully completed

(1) an equivalent training program;

(2) a twelve-consecutive-months probation period with one Alaska police department;

(3) the council's field training program; and

(4) a minimum of 80 hours of classroom training in subject areas considered to be unique to Alaska, including Alaska's criminal justice system, juvenile procedures, court system, criminal laws and procedures, and the enforcement of Alaska's laws related to driving while intoxicated and use of the intoximeter, as well as a first aid refresher course and firearms qualifications.

(b) The council will, in its discretion, enter into reciprocity agreements with states that regulate or supervise the quality of police training and that require a minimum of 400 hours of classroom training for police officers.

(c) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, the council will not grant a waiver if the applicant was previously issued a certificate that lapsed more than 10 years before the waiver was sought.

Applicants interested in the reciprocity process must understand that APSC retains discretionary powers under (a) above. Also, although APSC may accept an applicant's past training towards certification in Alaska, law enforcement agencies in Alaska may still require attendance at a full state-certified police academy. (APSC only sets minimum standards for police officer certification; agencies are free to exceed the APSC minimum standards to meet the needs of their agency.) Consequently, applicants should check with the specific agency they are interested in working for to determine what their specific policies are with regard to waiver and reciprocity certification.

The waiver and reciprocity academy (also known as the recertification academy) is normally held once a year in January in Sitka, Alaska. Attendance must be approved by

APSC. APSC grants admission into the waiver academy by way of a sponsoring agency. Consequently, admission to this academy should be accomplished through the hiring agency. Final approval for attendance must be obtained from the Director of APSC.

If you still have questions about Alaska's waiver and reciprocity process, you can call APSC at (907) 465-4378.

Thank you for your interest in serving as one of Alaska's police officers. We wish you the best of luck.