

Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC) Response to Questions Relevant to the Proposed Police Regulations Relating to Police Officer Basic Standards, Permanent Employment, Certification, Reciprocity, Personnel Reports, and Training Records.

Here is a link to the Public Comment Notice:

<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=179551>

Question 1.

Regarding 13 AAC 85.010(a)(4): Minimum qualifications, what does [or its equivalent] indicate? Is there an official list of what is equivalent?

Council Response:

[OR ITS EQUIVALENT] is proposed to be deleted from the regulations.

However, currently an equivalent to a high school diploma would be a home school diploma from a home school program recognized by the state the diploma was issued in, a home school diploma certified by a state or local school district as having met that state's high school graduation requirements or having passed a General Education Development (GED) test.

Information on the US Department of Education's Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs can be found at <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation>

Question 2.

Regarding 13 AAC 85.010(a)(4): Minimum Qualifications, it appears the proposed language in this section could potentially restrict those who have been homeschooled from applying. Is this correct?

Council Response:

It is not the intention of the Council to prevent home school applicants from becoming police officers. The intent of this proposed change is to have a

regulation on the method used by APSC to verify applicants have met the minimum education requirement of a high school education.

Question 3:

Regarding 13 AAC 85.010(a)(4): Minimum Qualifications, is there a reason behind the Council's desire to change the current requirement that officers hold a high school diploma or GED?

Council Response:

APSC is attempting to make the regulation more specific in order to let applicants know what the required paperwork is in order to show they have met the minimum education requirement of a high school education.

Question 4:

Regarding 13 AAC 85.010(b)(4)(B): Minimum Qualifications, 85.100(b)(2)(B): Denial of Certificates, and 85.110(b)(2)(B): Revocation of Certificates, is there a way to differentiate between the scheduled substances? Is there a way to break this down by the Federal Drug Schedule?

Council Response:

Yes. Language could be adopted which states specifically which drug use would be considered under the above regulation. The current regulations and proposed language encompasses the use of any illegal drugs, any scheduled drugs, any controlled substances, and any prescription drugs.