

Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board

R13-4-105. Minimum Qualifications

- A.** Except as provided in subsection (C) or (D), an individual shall meet the following minimum qualifications before being appointed to or attending an academy:
1. Be a United States citizen;
 2. Be at least 21 years of age. An individual may attend an academy if the individual will be 21 years of age before graduating;
 3. Have a diploma from a high school recognized by the department of education of the jurisdiction in which the diploma is issued, have successfully completed a General Education Development (G.E.D.) examination, or have a degree from an institution of higher education accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education;
 4. Undergo a complete background investigation that meets the standards of R13-4-106. An individual may begin an academy before the results of the background investigation are returned. However, the academy shall not graduate the individual and the Board shall not reimburse the academy for the individual's training expenses until a qualifying background investigation report is obtained;
 5. Undergo a medical examination that meets the standards of R13-4-107 within one year before appointment. An agency may make a conditional offer of appointment before the medical examination. If the medical examination is conducted more than 180 days before appointment, the individual shall submit a written statement indicating that the individual's medical condition has not changed since the examination;
 6. Not have been convicted of a felony or any offense that would be a felony if committed in Arizona;
 7. Not have been dishonorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces;
 8. Not have been previously denied certified status, have certified status revoked, or have current certified status suspended, or have voluntarily surrendered certified status in lieu of possible disciplinary action in this or any other state if the reason for denial, revocation, suspension, or possible disciplinary action was or would be a violation of R13-4-109(A) if committed in Arizona;
 9. Not have illegally possessed, produced, cultivated, or transported marijuana for sale or sold marijuana;
 10. Not have illegally possessed or used marijuana for any purpose within the past three years;
 11. Not have ever illegally possessed or used marijuana other than for experimentation;
 12. Not have ever illegally possessed or used marijuana while employed or appointed as a peace officer;
 13. Not have illegally sold, produced, cultivated, or transported for sale a dangerous drug or narcotic;
 14. Not have illegally used a dangerous drug or narcotic, other than marijuana, for any purpose within the past seven years;
 15. Not have ever illegally used a dangerous drug or narcotic other than for experimentation;
 16. Not have ever illegally used a dangerous drug or narcotic while employed or appointed as a peace officer;
 17. Not have a pattern of abuse of prescription medication;
 18. Undergo a polygraph examination that meets the requirements of R13-4-106, unless prohibited by law;
 19. Not have been convicted of or adjudged to have violated traffic regulations governing the movement of vehicles with a frequency within the past three years that indicates a disrespect for traffic laws or a disregard for the safety of others on the highway;
 20. Read the code of ethics in subsection (E) and affirm by signature the individual understands and agrees to abide by the code.