

CERTIFICATION LEVELS FOR PEACE OFFICERS  
(Advancement flow chart)

**Temporary Peace Officer Certification**

Full-time temporary certifications are valid from the date the last hiring standard is met until one year after first date of employment. *Basic peace officer certification* may be issued once the requirements have been fulfilled as noted on the Temporary Certification Notification.

Part-time temporary certifications are valid from the date the last hiring standard is met until two years after the first date of employment. *Reserve peace officer certification* may be issued once the requirements have been fulfilled as noted on the Temporary Certification Notification.

**Basic Peace Officer to Advanced Peace Officer**

Advanced peace officer certification may be issued after POST receives documented proof of 80 additional training hours, and after completing a minimum of 12 months as a basic peace officer.

OR

Advanced peace officer certification may be issued after POST receives documented proof of 80 additional training hours, and after completing a maximum 24 months as a basic peace officer if more time is needed to receive the required 80 additional training hours.

**Advanced Peace Officer to Professional Peace Officer**

Officers with 4 year college degrees. Professional peace officer certification may be issued after completing a minimum of 12 months as an advanced peace officer. No additional training hours are required.

Officers with 2 year college degrees. Professional peace officer certification may be issued after completing a minimum of 24 months as an advanced peace officer with documented proof of 40 additional training hours. Professional peace officer certification may also be issued after a maximum 36 months as an advanced peace officer if more time is needed to receive the required 40 additional training hours.

Officers with high school diplomas or GEDs. Professional peace officer certification may be issued after completing 36 months as an advanced peace officer with documented proof of 80 additional training hours.

**Professional PO**

Professional peace officers may be recertified every two years with documented proof of 40 additional training hours.

**Reserve PO**

Reserve peace officers may be recertified every two years with documented proof of 20 additional training hours, and with the return of a signed reserve notification form letter sent by POST.

CERTIFICATION LEVELS FOR DETENTION OFFICERS  
(Advancement flow chart)

**Temporary Detention Certification**

Full-time temporary certifications are valid from the date the last hiring standard is met until one year after the first date of employment. *Basic detention certification* may be issued once the requirements have been fulfilled as noted on the Temporary Certification Notification.

Part-time temporary certifications are valid from the date the last hiring standard was met until two years after the first date of employment. *Reserve detention certification* may be issued once the requirements have been fulfilled as noted on the Temporary Certification Notification.

**Basic Detention to Advanced Detention**

Advanced detention certification may be issued after POST receives documented proof of 20 additional training hours, and after completing a minimum of 12 months as a basic detention officer.

OR

Advanced detention certification may be issued after POST receives documented proof of 20 additional training hours, and after completing a maximum 24 months as a basic detention officer if more time is needed to receive the required 20 additional training hours.

**Advanced Detention to Professional Detention**

Officers with 4 year college degrees. Professional detention certification may be issued after completing a minimum of 12 months as an advanced detention officer. No training hours are required.

Officers with 2 year college degrees. Professional detention certification may be issued after completing a minimum of 24 months as an advanced detention officer, and with documented proof of 20 additional training hours. Professional detention certification can also be issued after a maximum 36 months as an advanced detention officer if more time is needed to receive the required 20 additional training hours.

Officers with high school diploma or GED. Professional detention officer certification may be issued after completing 36 months as an advanced detention officer with documented proof of 40 additional training hours.

**Professional Detention**

Professional detention officers may be recertified every two years with documented proof of 20 additional training hours.

**Reserve Detention**

Reserve peace officers may be recertified every two years with documented proof of 20 additional training hours, and with the return of a signed reserve notification form letter sent by POST.

CERTIFICATION LEVELS FOR DISPATCHERS  
(Advancement flow chart)

**Temporary Dispatch Certification**

Temporary certifications are valid from the date the last hiring standard is met until two years after the first date of employment. Basic dispatch certification may be issued once the requirements have been fulfilled as noted on the Temporary Certification Notification.

**Basic Dispatch to Advanced Dispatch**

Advanced dispatch certification may be issued after POST receives documented proof of 20 additional training hours, and after completing a minimum of 12 months as a basic dispatcher.

OR

Advanced dispatch certification may be issued after POST receives documented proof of 20 additional training hours, and after completing a maximum 24 months as a basic dispatcher if more time is needed to receive the required 40 additional training hours.

**Advanced Dispatch to Professional Dispatch**

Dispatchers with 4 year college degrees. Professional dispatch certification may be issued after completing a minimum of 12 months as an advanced dispatcher. No additional training hours are required.

Dispatchers with 2 year college degrees. Professional dispatch certification may be issued after completing a minimum of 24 months as an advanced dispatcher, and with documented proof of 20 additional training hours. Professional dispatch certification can also be issued after a maximum 36 months as an advanced dispatcher if more time is needed to receive the required 20 additional training hours.

Dispatchers with high school diplomas or GEDs. Professional dispatch certification may be issued after completing 36 months as an advanced dispatcher, and with documented proof of 40 additional training hours.

**Professional Dispatcher**

Professional dispatchers may be recertified every two years with documented proof of 20 additional training hours.

**Part-time Dispatcher**

Part-time dispatchers may be recertified every two years with documented proof of 20 additional training hours.

CERTIFICATION LEVELS FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS  
(Advancement flow chart)

**Temporary Correctional Officer Certification**

Full-time temporary certifications are valid from the date the last hiring standard is met until one year after first date of employment. *Basic correctional officer certification* may be issued once the requirements have been fulfilled as noted on the Temporary Certification Notification and core competencies of a correctional officer have been demonstrated.

Part-time temporary certifications are valid from the date the last hiring standard is met until two years after the first date of employment. *Reserve correctional officer certification* may be issued once the requirements have been fulfilled as noted on the Temporary Certification Notification and core competencies of a correctional officer have been demonstrated.

**Basic Correctional Officer to Advanced Correctional Officer**

Advanced correctional officer certification may be issued after POST receives documented proof of 20 additional training hours, and after completing a minimum of 12 months as a basic correctional officer.

OR

Advanced correctional officer certification may be issued after POST receives documented proof of 20 additional training hours, and after completing a maximum 24 months as a basic correctional officer if more time is needed to receive the required 20 additional training hours.

**Advanced Correctional Officer to Professional Correctional Officer**

Officers with 4 year college degrees. Professional correctional officer certification may be issued after completing a minimum of 12 months as an advanced correctional officer. No additional training hours are required.

Officers with 2 year college degrees. Professional correctional officer certification may be issued after completing a minimum of 24 months as an advanced correctional officer, and with documented proof of 20 additional training hours. Professional correctional officer certification may also be issued after a maximum 36 months as an advanced correctional officer if more time is needed to receive the required 20 additional training hours.

Officers with high school diplomas or GEDs. Professional correctional officer certification may be issued after completing 36 months as an advanced correctional officer with documented proof of 40 additional training hours.

**Professional Correctional Officer**

Professional correctional officers may be recertified every two years with documented proof of 20 additional training hours.

**Reserve Correctional Officer**

Reserve correctional officers may be recertified every two years with documented proof of 20 training hours, and with the return of a signed reserve notification form letter sent by POST.