

PEACE OFFICER LICENSURE ADVISORY: MINIMUM SELECTION STANDARDS

Minnesota Rules, Chapter 6700.0300, subp. 5(D), requires all students be advised in writing of the minimum selection standards to become a licensed peace officer in Minnesota. Students are advised of these standards in order to help them make informed decisions about participation in the professional peace officer education program.

Minn. R. 6700.0700 MINIMUM SELECTION STANDARDS

Subpart 1. **Selection standards.** A person eligible to be licensed shall meet the following minimum selection standards before being appointed to the position of peace officer. The appointing authority may affirm that the applicant has already completed certain of these standards, but the affirmation must be documented pursuant to subpart 2.

- A. The applicant shall be a citizen of the United States.
- B. The applicant shall possess a valid Minnesota driver's license; or in case of residency therein, a valid driver's license from another state; or eligibility to obtain either license.
- C. The applicant shall complete a comprehensive written application.
- D. The applicant shall submit to a thorough background search, including searches by local, state, and federal agencies, to disclose the existence of any criminal record or conduct which would adversely affect the performance by the applicant of peace officer duties.
- E. The applicant must not be required to register as a predatory offender under MN STAT, section 243.166 or 243.167.
- F. No applicant may be appointed to the position of peace officer who has been convicted:
 - (1) of a felony in this state or in any other state or federal jurisdiction;
 - (2) of any offense in any other state or federal jurisdiction which would have been a felony if committed in Minnesota;
 - (3) under MN STAT, section 609.224, 609.2242, 609.231, 609.2325, 609.233, 609.2335, 609.234, 609.324, 609.465, 609.466, 609.52, or 609.72, sub. 3; or convicted under any state or federal narcotics or controlled substance law irrespective of any proceeding under MN STAT, section 152.18, or any similar law of another state or federal law; or
 - (4) of any of the crimes listed in this item in another state or federal jurisdiction, or under a local ordinance that would be a conviction if committed in Minnesota.
- G. The applicant shall be fingerprinted for the purpose of disclosure of any felony convictions. Fingerprint cards shall be forwarded to the appropriate divisions of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The chief law enforcement officer shall immediately notify the board if a previous felony conviction is discovered.
- H. A licensed physician or surgeon shall make a thorough medical examination of the applicant to determine that the applicant is free from any physical condition which might adversely affect the performance of peace officer duties.
- I. An evaluation, including an oral interview, shall be made by a licensed psychologist to determine that the applicant is free from any emotional or mental condition which might adversely affect the performance of peace officer duties.
- J. The applicant shall pass a job-related examination of the applicant's physical strength and agility to demonstrate the possession of physical skills necessary to the accomplishment of the duties and functions of a peace officer.
- K. The applicant shall successfully complete an oral examination conducted by or for the agency to demonstrate the possession of communication skills necessary to the accomplishment of the duties and functions of a peace officer.

Subp. 2. **Documentation.** The chief law enforcement officer shall maintain documentation necessary to show completion of subpart 1. The chief law enforcement officer is not required to obtain documentation for subpart 1, item J, if the applicant completed part 6700.0500, subpart 3. The documentation is subject to periodic review by the board, and shall be made available to the board at its request.

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 18 SR 1961]

Subp. 4. **More rigid standards.** An appointing authority may require an applicant to meet more rigid standards than those prescribed in this part.

Criminal History Screening – Bars for Admission into a Professional Peace Officer Program

Minnesota Rules 6700.0300, Subp. 5, bars admission to the professional peace officer program and to peace officer licensure anyone who have been convicted of the following crimes.

- Any felony conviction in this state or any other state of federal jurisdiction,
- Any offense which would have been a felony if committed in Minnesota,
- Any conviction under the following statutes:
 - 609.224 ASSAULT IN THE FIFTH DEGREE
 - 609.2242 DOMESTIC ASSAULT
 - 609.231 MISTREATMENT OF RESIDENTS OR PATIENTS
 - 609.2325 CRIMINAL ABUSE
 - 609.233 CRIMINAL NEGLECT
 - 609.2335 FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE ADULT
 - 609.234 FAILURE TO REPORT (Maltreatment of a vulnerable adult)
 - 609.324 PATRONS; PROSTITUTES; HOUSING INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN PROSTITUTION; PENALTIES
 - 609.465 PRESENTING FALSE CLAIMS TO PUBLIC OFFICER OR BODY
 - 609.466 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FRAUD
 - 609.52 THEFT
 - 609.72, subd.3 DISORDERLY CONDUCT (Caregiver; penalty for disorderly conduct)
- Any conviction under any state or federal narcotics or controlled substance law irrespective of any proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 152.18, or any similar law of another state or federal law,
- Any of these crimes in another state or federal jurisdiction, or under a local ordinance that would be a conviction if committed in Minnesota.

Additional Information

1. Bars to licensure do not include petty misdemeanor offenses or ordinance violations as these are not crimes under Minnesota law. They are, however, a matter of public record and will show up on background checks.
2. Having a criminal conviction or record expunged or continued for dismissal will NOT lead to eligibility. Per Minn. Rules 6700.0100, Subp. 9a., a conviction under any of these statutes is still a bar regardless of “length of or imposition or execution of any sentence received, any deferred finding of guilt or imposition of sentence by the court, any continuance for dismissal granted by the court, or any expungement of the offence records or conviction.”
3. These bars do not include juvenile offenses where the offender is adjudicated delinquent (which is not a criminal conviction). Only criminal convictions of a juvenile under one of these statutes or a requirement for a juvenile to register as a predatory offender are bars.

NOTE: You are responsible for routinely reviewing the section on the POST Board web site entitled [“Standards for Peace Officer Eligibility”](#) for updates and/or inadvertent omissions to this document.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SIGNITURE SECTION ON NEXT PAGE

AFFIRMATION: I affirm I have read and understand all the minimum selection standards. Any questions I had regarding the minimum selection standards have been answered to my satisfaction. I also understand not meeting all the minimum selection standards disqualifies me from the skills program.

Check the box that applies:

- Yes, I meet** all the minimum selection standards.
- No, I do not** meet all the minimum selection standards.

Student Applicant **First & Last Name** (please print)

Student Applicant **Signature**

Date (*month, day, year*)

Bryan Litsey, PPOE Director

Metropolitan State University

School Official Name

School Name

School Official Signature

Date (*month, day, year*)