

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE PEACE OFFICERS’  
STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMITTEE OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 481.053.

**Section 1.** NAC 481.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

481.060 1. The committee will award a basic certificate to any peace officer who [**has met the minimum requirements established for the position**] *meets the minimum standards for appointment established pursuant to NAC 481.040* and has:

(a) Satisfactorily completed the basic training course for basic certification or a course of training which the committee determines to be at least equivalent to the basic training course for basic certification;

(b) Passed the state certification examination with a score at or above the 70th percentile;

(c) Passed the *state* physical fitness [**test established pursuant to paragraph (f) of subsection 1 of NAC 481.080**] *examination* with a score at or above the 60th percentile of the fitness norm for the single standard of the general population ; [**established by the Cooper Institute for Aerobics Research and set forth in the “Physical Fitness Specialist Course” manual (1996 edition);**] and

(d) Satisfactorily completed a period of qualification of 1 year as a peace officer employed by an agency.

2. *A peace officer is deemed to have completed a course of training that is at least equivalent to the basic training course for basic certification if:*

(a) *The peace officer has been certified by a certifying entity of another state or by the Federal Government to perform the duties of a peace officer and the committee has determined that the course of training required for the certification was at least equivalent to the basic training course for basic certification;*

(b) *The certification of the peace officer in the other jurisdiction has not been revoked or suspended;*

(c) *Not more than 24 months have lapsed since the peace officer was employed in the other jurisdiction; and*

(d) *The peace officer has satisfactorily completed a training course that is approved by the committee which consists of a minimum of 80 hours of training in:*

(1) *Constitutional law;*

(2) *Probable cause;*

(3) *Search and seizure;*

(4) *Laws of arrest;*

(5) *Crimes against property;*

(6) *Crimes against persons;*

(7) *Laws relating to narcotics;*

(8) *Civil liability;*

- (9) *Use of force;*
- (10) *Laws relating to child abuse;*
- (11) *Laws relating to domestic violence;*
- (12) *Laws relating to juveniles;*
- (13) *Miscellaneous crimes*
- (14) *Rights of victims;*
- (15) *Ethics in law enforcement or for correctional officers;*
- (16) *Sexual harassment; and*
- (17) *Cultural awareness.*

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection [3,] 4, an officer must pass the *state* physical fitness [test established pursuant to paragraph (f) of subsection 1 of NAC 481.080] *examination* to successfully complete a course:

- (a) Within 16 weeks from the date on which he enters a course of basic training certified pursuant to NAC 481.080 if he is in training category II or III; or
- (b) Within 16 weeks from the date on which he was hired if he has completed a course of training which the committee determines to be at least equivalent to the basic training course for basic certification.

[3.] 4. If a student enrolled in a basic training course certified pursuant to NAC 481.080 sustains a bona fide physical injury rendering him incapable of performing the physical requirements to successfully complete the course, an agency may submit a request for an extension of time for the student to complete the requirement. The agency shall submit such a request to the committee or its designee. The request must include, without limitation, written

verification by a physician that the student is incapable of performing the physical requirements of the course. If the committee or its designee determines that an extension of time is warranted, it shall authorize an extension of time for a period not to exceed 12 months from the date on which it received the request.

[4.] 5. The period of qualification must:

(a) Begin on the date on which the officer is notified of his passage of the state certification examination; and

(b) Be continuous unless the officer becomes unemployed because of a reduction of employees in the agency, in which case the period may be aggregate but must be completed within 2 years.

[5.] 6. Upon satisfactory completion of the requirements listed in subsection 1, the employing agency shall submit a request for certification to the committee. The request must include:

(a) The name, social security number, and date of hire of the officer;

(b) Documentary evidence that the officer has successfully completed an approved basic training course; **[and]**

(c) Verification by the administrator of the agency that the officer meets the minimum standards established by NAC 481.010 to 481.120, inclusive [.] ; *and*

*(d) The statement concerning child support prescribed by the welfare division of the department of human resources pursuant to NRS 425.520.*

*7. The basic certificate of an officer whose employment is terminated for any reason will be placed on inactive status. If such a person is again employed as a full-time peace officer, the*

*employing agency shall request that the person's basic certificate be returned to active status.*

*If the certification of such a person is on inactive status for more than 2 consecutive years, the person must renew his basic certificate by successfully completing the state certification examination, an 80 hour course of training that is approved by the committee and the state physical fitness examination.*