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Criminal Justice Training Center

Declaration of Eligibility

Commission Rule §217.1 Enrollment Standards

- a) In order for an individual to enroll in any basic licensing course which provides instruction in defensive tactics, arrest procedures, firearms, or use of a motor vehicle for law enforcement purposes, the academy must have on file:
 - 1) written documentation that the person is currently licensed by the commission; or
 - 2) if the person is not licensed by the commission, documentation that the individual has been subjected to a search of local, state and national records to disclose any criminal record;
 - (A) is not currently charged with any criminal offense for which conviction would be a bar to licensure;
 - (B) has never been on court-ordered community supervision or probation for any criminal offense above the grade of a Class B misdemeanor or a Class B misdemeanor within the last ten years from the date of the court order.
 - (C) has never been convicted of an offense above the grade of a Class B misdemeanor or a Class B misdemeanor within the last ten years.
 - (D) For purposes of this section, the commission will construe any court-ordered community supervision, probation, or conviction for a criminal offense to be its closest equivalent under the Texas Penal Code classification of offenses if the offense arose from:
 - (i) another penal provision of Texas law; or
 - (ii) a penal provision of any other state, federal, military or foreign jurisdiction.
 - (E) A classification of an offense as a felony at the time of conviction will never be changed because Texas law has changed or because the offense would not be a felony under current Texas law.
 - (F) has never been convicted of any family violence offense;
 - (G) has never received a dishonorable or other discharge based on misconduct which bars future military service;
 - (H) is not prohibited by state or federal law from operating a motor vehicle;
 - (I) is not prohibited by state or federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition; and
 - (J) is a U.S. citizen.
- b) In order for an individual to enroll in any basic peace officer training program the academy must have on file:
 - 1) a high school diploma;
 - 2) a high school equivalency certificate; or
 - 3) an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the United States after at least 24 months of active duty service;
- c) In order for an individual to enroll in any basic peace officer training program, the academy must have on file
 - 1) written documentation that the individual has been examined by a physician, selected by the appointing, employing agency, or the academy, who is licensed by the Texas Medical Board. The physician must be familiar with the duties appropriate to the type of license sought. The individual must be declared in writing by that professional to be:
 - (A) physically sound and free from any defect which may adversely affect the performance of duty appropriate to the type of license sought; and
 - (B) show no trace of drug dependency or illegal drug use after a physical examination, blood test, or other medical test; and
 - 2) written documentation that the individual has been examined by a psychologist, selected by the appointing, employing agency, or the academy, who is licensed by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. The psychologist must be familiar with the duties appropriate to the type of license sought. This examination may also be conducted by a psychiatrist. The individual must be declared in writing by that professional to be in satisfactory psychological and emotional health to serve as the type of officer for which the license is sought. The examination must be conducted pursuant to professionally recognized standards and methods;
- d) The minimum enrollment standards do not preclude the academy from establishing additional requirements or standards for enrollment in law enforcement training programs.

I, the applicant, am fully aware that this application is a government document and, under penalties of perjury, I declare that I meet all eligibility requirements listed above.

Signature: _____	Date: _____
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Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the _____ day of _____, _____

Notary Public in and for, State of _____

My Commission expires _____ / _____ / _____

Notary Seal or Stamp

Printed Name of Notary

Signature of Notary