

1008. RECIPROCITY

- (1) The Commission may waive the completion of any course required by CLEST Rules upon presentation of documentary evidence by a law enforcement agency that a law enforcement officer has satisfactorily completed equivalent training.
- (2) Training received in a state with laws governing or regulating law enforcement training must, if subject to such review, have been approved or certified in the state in which the training was received.
- (3) The Commission may elect to prescribe as a condition of certification the satisfactory completion of the refresher course or other supplementary or remedial training necessary to equate previous training with current standards.
- (4) The Division is authorized to accept training from states, federal agencies, or military police which by law regulate and supervise the quality of law enforcement training and which require a minimum number of hours of classroom training in the basic course equivalent to standards established by the Commission.
- (5) For certification purposes, those full-time law enforcement officers who have not met the minimum classroom hours of training, but have accumulated at least 50% of the required hours may, at the discretion of the Commission, receive ten (10) classroom hours of credit for each year of full-time law enforcement experience.
 - (a) Those who qualify for this equivalent training waiver will be required to satisfactorily complete the refresher course.
 - (b) Should the law enforcement officer fail to satisfactorily complete the refresher course, they will be required to attend the basic police training course at a Commission approved training facility.
- (6) Individuals who meet all requirements of certification, and who receive a waiver under this Rule, shall be entitled to certification after the completion of the appropriate probationary period.
- (7) Veteran's to Law Enforcement Program
 - (a) The Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training (CLEST) administers the program "Veterans to Law Enforcement," which allows qualified military veterans interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement, to attend the basic law enforcement training course.
 - (b) To be eligible to apply for the program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- (i) Shall have served at least six (6) months active duty in the armed services within ten (10) years prior to application.
 - (ii) Meet minimum standards as required of an Arkansas law enforcement officer as specified in CLEST Rules.
 - (iii) Pay the non-refundable cost of the training prior to attending the basic law enforcement training course.
 - (iv) The Director of the Division will be the final approving authority for an applicant's acceptance into the program.
- (c) Veterans in the Veterans to Law Enforcement program that fail any portion of the basic law enforcement training course are ineligible to attend another course for a twenty-four (24) month period as specified in CLEST Rules and are no longer eligible to apply for the Veterans to Law Enforcement program.
- (d) Veterans in the Veterans to law Enforcement program that successfully complete the basic law enforcement training course must begin employment with a law enforcement agency as a full-time or part-time officer within three (3) years of the date of the completion of the basic law enforcement training course for the training to remain valid.