

1033. MARIJUANA LEAF FIELD TEST TECHNICIAN

- (1) Only full-time law enforcement officers who have completed the Division approved training for certified law enforcement officers shall be eligible for certification as a Marijuana Leaf Field Test Technician.
- (2) Only full-time Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy (ALETA) Instructors or Arkansas State Crime Laboratory Chemical Analysis Technicians shall be eligible to instruct the marijuana leaf field test class.
- (3) All applicants for marijuana leaf field test technician certification must attend the eight (8) hour certification course conducted or coordinated through the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy (ALETA).
- (4) All certificates remain the property of the Commission and the Commission shall have the power to revoke any certificate issued. Technicians shall be required to attend any re-training or refresher training as required by the Division.
 - (a) The Commission shall revoke certification when it is determined the technician is unqualified, ineffective, or not complying with standardization, protocol, or training guidelines.
- (5) The marijuana leaf field test technician will be certified on the basis of minimum qualifications in the area of education, training, experience, and the ability to perform the task of drug identification according to established protocol. It shall be the responsibility of the department head to ensure that the marijuana leaf field test technician is supervised on a regular basis to ensure a professional standard is maintained.
- (6) Requirements:
 - (a) A minimum of three (3) years of full-time experience in law enforcement is required.
 - (b) Possession of a basic certificate
 - (c) New applicants for marijuana leaf field test technician will have completed the certification course.
 - (d) The Division shall establish the minimum curriculum requirements for the marijuana leaf field test technician course for law enforcement officers and instructors.

(7) Validation of Certificate

- (a) The marijuana leaf field test technician certificate shall remain valid from the date of issue, unless recalled by the department head or the Division.
- (b) The marijuana leaf field test technician certificate will be transferable should the officer change law enforcement agencies.