



Georgia Peace Officer Standards & Training Council

Equivalency of Training (EOT) Information

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The Equivalency of Training (EOT) process may allow an officer who does not possess a GA POST basic law enforcement certification to be exempt from having to complete the entire basic law enforcement training course. Types of officers who may be eligible for the EOT process:

- Out-of-State Police Officers who have graduated from their states Uniform Police Academy and their certification is valid and in good standing;
- Federal Peace Officers who have graduated from the FLETC Uniformed Police Training Program (UPTP), Mixed Basic Police Training Program (MBPTP), or the equivalency of training.
- United States Military Police Officers (Army, Air Force, and Marines) who have graduated from their branches Basic Military Police Course and possess a minimum of a general discharge under honorable conditions;
- Graduates of the Department of Defense (DOD) Uniformed Police Training Program.

All others will be required to attend the entire basic law enforcement training course.

Your certification as a police officer from another state or with the federal government must be valid and in good standing (not revoked or suspended). If you are not eligible to work under your certification, you will not qualify for the Georgia certification. If your certification is currently under investigation your application will not be processed. A certification status verification form and Previous Agency Employment Chararistic of Service form must be completed and provided prior to application approval.

Upon application approval, the EOT candidate will be **required** to pass the following training requirements:

- Georgia Criminal Law, Traffic Law, and Governor Initiative training -16 Hours (provided by Ga. POST in a Zoom format.)
- Georgia's Standard Qualification Course for Firearms (from a certified Georgia firearm instructor.)

Upon completion of this process, the candidate will be issued a GA POST basic law enforcement certification.

NOTE: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 35-8-10 (a) No person required to comply with the certification provisions of this chapter shall be employed or appointed by any law enforcement unit without certification from the council that the applicant has met the pre-employment requirements established in this chapter, and no candidate shall perform any of the duties of a peace officer involving the power of arrest until such training shall have been successfully completed.

To begin the EOT application:

1. Create a user name in the POST Data Gateway. (Go to <https://gapost.org/info-resources-2/how-do-i/for> instructions on how to register as a new user.)
2. Once you have logged into the POST Data Gateway, click on the applications function.
3. Click on the "New app" button next to "Start New Candidate Application for Basic Certification" on the screen.
4. Complete the application menu items until you get to Agency/Academy information.
5. When you have completed the menu items, send an e-mail to helpdesk@gapost.org stating "I have completed the items for my EOT application. Please contact me to complete my application process."
6. If you have further questions about your application, you can call the Help Desk at (770)-732-5604 or send an e-mail to the Help Desk at helpdesk@gapost.org.



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There is no fee for EOT and Application Processing.

You may be required to pay for Georgia Applicant Processing Service (GAPS) fingerprints through Fieldprint and a background investigation, depending upon your employment status. Persons employed full-time with a Georgia law enforcement agency may have these services provided by the hiring authority.

For more information on GAPS, please visit the Fieldprint Georgia website at <https://fieldprintgeorgia.com/>.