



Georgia Peace Officer Standards & Training Council

Equivalency of Training (EOT) Information

Effective January 1, 2022 (Updated September 27, 2023)

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:

- Eligible Federal Peace Officers who have graduated from the FLETC Uniformed Police Training Program;
- United States Military Police Officers (Army, Air Force, and Marines) who have graduated from their branches Basic Military Police Course and possess a general discharge under honorable conditions;
- Out-of-State Police Officers who have graduated from their states Uniform Police Academy and their certification is valid and in good standing;
- Pre-Service Candidates and Inactive Registered Georgia Peace Officers actively employed in law enforcement or who have graduated from a basic law enforcement training course;
- Individuals who graduated the basic law enforcement training course, in Georgia, and did not complete the certification process.

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

Your certification as a police officer in another state or with the federal government must be valid and in good standing.

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

Classroom or Online Instruction:

- Georgia Criminal Law -16 Hours (provided by Ga. POST)
- Legal Update
- Use of Force
- De-escalation
- Community Oriented Policing
- Human Trafficking (Effective 01/01/2024)
- Gang Awareness (Effective 01/01/2024)

Skills Demonstration with GA POST Certified Firearms Instructor:

- Georgia's Standard Qualification Course for Firearms Requalification

Online courses and registration information can be found on the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) website.

Upon completion of this process, the candidate would 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.



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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/>.