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Technical Assistance Bulletin

To: All Texas Law Enforcement Agencies/Contract Training Providers/Licensees
From: Kenny Merchant/Director, Credentialing and Field Services
Regarding: **Temporary Jailer and Telecommunicator Licenses**
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Occupations Code 1701.310 and 1701.371 allow for the temporary licensing of a Jailer or Telecommunicator, respectively. This does not mean that persons who would normally not be eligible for a Commission license can be "temporarily" appointed. It simply means that a person who meets all of the eligibility standards of Rule 217.1, and has the documentation to show such, may be appointed to the license BEFORE the required training is completed. A person with a Temporary license has all of the same rights, privileges and requirements as a person with a regular license. The ability to make a temporary license appointment for a peace officer is not currently approved by the Commission.

In order to make the appointment as a Temporary Licensee, the agency must first complete all of the steps necessary to prove and document the eligibility of the applicant, including, but not limited to physical/psychological exams, background investigation, criminal history checks, etc., as are listed on the Law Enforcement Agency Checklist from the Commission website. The Temporary License is good for a period of one year from the date of issuance. On that date, if the licensee has not met all of the training requirements to have the Temporary License upgraded to a regular license, the agency SHALL separate (F5) the person from the appointment and discontinue their use in that capacity. The applicant may be re-appointed as a regular licensee at any time after they complete the training requirements. Jailers may have only 1 Temporary Jailer License in a career, Telecommunicators may have multiple Temporary Licenses. A new Temporary license cannot be issued until one year has elapsed from the time of expiration of the previous Temporary License.

The Executive Director allows agencies to appoint Telecommunicators with an inactive license as Temporary Licensees. This allows the Temporary Telecommunicator Licensee one year to complete the license reactivation process, to make their regular license active again. For more information on the reactivation process, see the Jailer and Telecommunicator Reactivation Packet on the TCOLE website. Please remember that sending an inactive licensee through a new basic licensing course does NOT reactivate their license- the Reactivation Application must still be submitted to the Commission, prior to the expiration of the Temporary License, to complete the reactivation.

Note- the L1 or L1T form used for the appointment of a regular or Temporary Licensee does not have a selection box to indicate that the agency wishes to have a Temporary License issued. That determination is made at the Commission and the appropriate regular or Temporary License issued.