PUBLICATION IN *TEXAS REGISTER*

The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (Commission) adopts amended 37 Texas Administrative Code §221.21, Firearms Proficiency for Community Supervision Officers, with no changes to the proposed text as published in the July 31, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 5002). The rule will not be republished.

This adopted amended rule removes the requirements for community supervision and corrections department officers and parole officers to recertify firearms proficiency every year and to renew the firearms proficiency certificate every two years. This realigns the rule with the provisions of Texas Occupations Code §1701.257 and allows the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to determine any recertification or requalification requirements.

The public comment period began on July 31, 2026, and ended on September 3, 2026, at the conclusion of the public meeting of the Commission. No public comments were received.

The amended rule is adopted pursuant to Texas Occupations Code §1701.151, General Powers of Commission; Rulemaking Authority, and Texas Occupations Code §1701.257, Firearms Training Program for Supervision Officers. Texas Occupations Code §1701.151 authorizes the Commission to adopt rules for the administration of Occupations Code Chapter 1701. Texas Occupations Code §1701.257 requires the Commission to administer a training program and issue certificates relating to firearms proficiency for community supervision and corrections department officers or parole officers.

The amended rule as adopted affects or implements Texas Occupations Code Chapter 1701, Law Enforcement Officers, and Texas Government Code Chapter 76, Community Supervision and Corrections Departments. No other code, article, or statute is affected by this adoption.

The adopted amended rule has been reviewed by legal counsel and found to be a valid exercise of the Commission's legal authority.

§221.21. Firearms Proficiency for Community Supervision Officers.
(a) To qualify for a firearms proficiency certificate for community supervision and parole officers, an applicant must meet the following requirements including:
(1) currently employed as a community supervision officer by a Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD), or parole officer employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ); and
(2) successful completion of the commission's current firearms training program for community supervision officers.
(b) The effective date of this section is November 1, 2026.