

OUT OF STATE / FEDERAL OFFICERS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ!

Under TCOLE Rule 219.2- "Reciprocity for Out-of-State Peace Officers, Federal Criminal Investigators and Military Police," certain persons may be eligible to take the State Licensing Exam based on prior service as Out-of-State Peace Officers or Federal Investigators.

*This document is a preliminary application- its purpose is to determine if you have the proper training and service to be eligible for reciprocity under TCOLE Rule 219.2. If you are eligible, further instructions will be sent to you. **Training will be required and will be based on the length of your previous service time and the time since you were last actively appointed. It is highly recommended that you do not make any career or life decisions before completing the entire application process.***

Incomplete forms or documentation will be returned.

Before submitting this preliminary application it is highly recommended that you review TCOLE Rule 217.1, Minimum Standards for Initial Licensure, on our website at www.tcole.texas.gov, Rules and Statutes. All applicants must meet all requirements, regardless of past service.

To meet the current licensing requirements of TCOLE Rule 217.1, you must have a new national criminal history records check based on your fingerprints. Included with this application is the "Fingerprint Application Services of Texas (FAST). If there are questions about the fingerprint process call (512) 936-7700. **If you are currently living out of state, please call our office to have a FAST application plus hard cards mailed to you.**

Qualifying Federal Departments:

The Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, § 2.122, recognizes specific criminal investigators of the United States as having authority to enforce selected state laws by virtue of their authority. Only these persons are eligible for this application. Prior training will be evaluated and approved by the Commission to insure it meets current training requirements.

- (1) Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
- (2) Special Agents of the Secret Service;
- (3) Special Agents of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement;
- (4) Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives;
- (5) Special Agents of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration;
- (6) Inspectors of the United States Postal Inspection Service;
- (7) Special Agents of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service;
- (8) Civilian Special Agents of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service;
- (9) Marshals and Deputy Marshals of the United States Marshals Service;
- (10) Special Agents of the United States Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security;
- (11) Special Agents of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration;
- (12) Special Agents of the Office of Inspector General of the United States Social Security Administration;
- (13) Special Agents of the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;
- (14) Special Agents of the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of Agriculture;
- (15) A police officer with the Office of Security and Law Enforcement of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (16) An officer or agent designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security under 40 U.S.C. Section 1315 for duty in connection with the protection of property owned or occupied by the federal government and persons on the property;
- (17) A Customs and Border Protection Officer or Border Patrol Agent of the United States Customs and Border Protection or an immigration enforcement agent, or deportation officer of the Department of Homeland Security;
- (18) A commissioned law enforcement officer of the National Parks Service;
- (19) A Special Agent or Law Enforcement Officer of the United States Forest Service; and

- (20) Security personnel working at a commercial nuclear power plant, including contract security personnel, trained and qualified under a security plan approved by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Federal Officers must:

1. successfully complete an approved Federal Agency Law Enforcement training course (equivalent course topics and hours);
2. be subject to continued employment or eligible for re-hire (excluding retirement);
3. have honorably served (employed, benefits eligible) in one of the aforementioned federal full-time paid capacities for 2 continuous years. Service time applied to this section must have been obtained following completion of a federal agency law enforcement approved basic training course; and
4. have a copy of all their military discharge(s) (DD-214) (if applicable). Individual has never received a dishonorable discharge.

Individuals from other U.S. states must:

1. provide proof of successful completion of a state POST-approved (or state licensing authority) basic police officer training academy with equivalent course topics and hours of training at the time of initial certification or licensure;
2. have honorably served (employed, benefits eligible) as a sworn, full-time paid peace officer for 2 continuous years. Only state POST approved service time will be recognized. Service time applied to this section must have been obtained following completion of a state POST approved basic training course;
3. be subject to continued employment or eligible for re-hire (excluding retirement);
4. the applicant's license or certificate must never have been, nor currently be in the process of being, surrendered, suspended, or revoked; and
5. have a copy of all their military discharge(s) (DD-214) (if applicable). Individual has never received a dishonorable discharge.

Required Documents to Accompany the Application to Determine Eligibility:

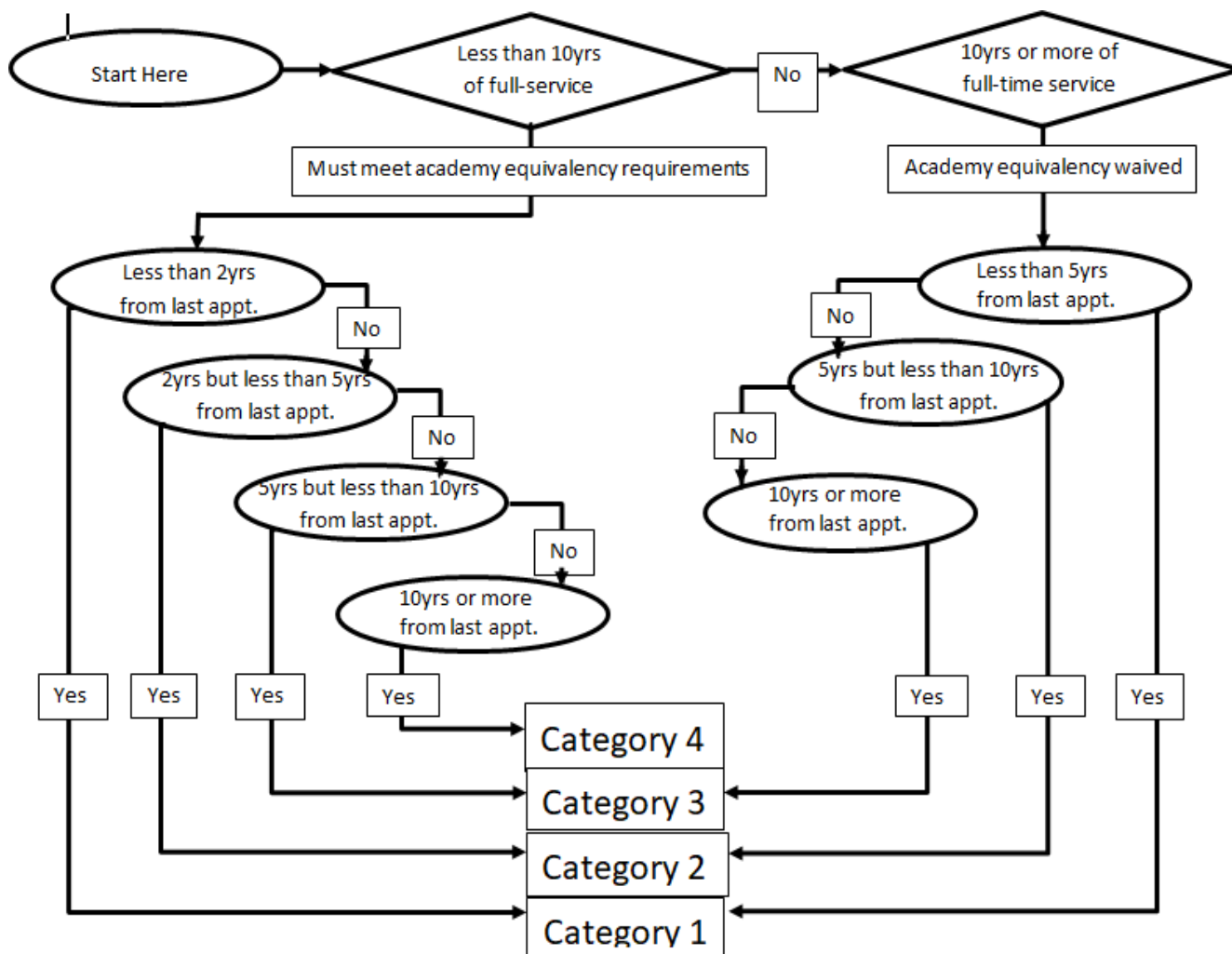
1. A copy of the basic training certificate for a police officer with hours listed. If hours are not listed on the certificate, documentation of hours completed must accompany the certificate (Reserve, part time, or auxiliary training is not accepted);
2. A copy of a Federal Agent's License or Credentials; or a certified or notarized copy of the police officer license or certificate issued by the state POST;
3. A statement from the state POST or federal employing agency revealing any disciplinary action(s) that may have been taken against any license or certificate issued by that agency or any pending action; or that no disciplinary action has been taken at any time on your license or certification;
4. A statement from your employing agency(s) stating **full time service** as a peace officer, federal officer or agent. **Exact service dates** are required. (Reserve or auxiliary peace officer training is not accepted; probationary officer time prior to completion of an approved basic police officer training academy is not accepted);
5. A copy of your valid state-issued driver's license; and
6. A copy of all your military discharge(s) (DD-214) (if applicable).

The Commission may request that applicants submit a copy of the Basic and Advanced Training Curriculum for equivalency evaluation and final approval.

If you have less than 10 years of cumulative full-time service, use the Chart below, with your date of academy graduation, to determine eligibility based on basic peace officer academy length.

Year Graduated from Academy	Texas Hours	Minimum Accepted Hours (80% of Texas Hours)
09/01/1970- 12/31/1972	140	112
01/01/1973- 12/31/1980	240	192
01/01/1981- 08/31/1985	320	256
09/01/1985- 08/31/1994	400	320
09/01/1994- 12/31/2001	560	448
01/01/2002- 12/31/2004	576	461
01/01/2005- 12/31/2012	618	494
01/01/2013- 03/31/2020	643	514
04/01/2020- present	696	556

OOS/Federal Process Flow Chart



OOS/Federal Process Table

CATEGORY	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4
1	FAST Fingerprint Submission	Mail Application	Complete Texas Supplemental Peace Officer Course- 1018 (120hrs).	Exam
2	FAST Fingerprint Submission	Mail Application	Complete the above, plus: Cultural Diversity- 3939 (8hrs), Human Trafficking- 3270 (4hrs), and Civilian Interaction Training- 30418 (2hrs).	Exam
3	FAST Fingerprint Submission	Mail Application	Complete all courses listed in Category 1 and 2, above, plus: De-escalation- 1849 (8hrs) and Crisis Intervention Training- 1850 (40hrs).	Exam
4	Enroll in a TCOLE Law Enforcement Academy	Complete BPOC	Exam	N/A

Any of the above training attempted before initial eligibility is confirmed by TCOLE, is done at the applicants own risk.

Eligibility is not complete until TCOLE's review and approval of national criminal history records check based on FAST results.

Please expect a delay of 4 weeks from the date that this application is received by the Commission for approval/denial of eligibility.



FINGER PRINT INSTRUCTION FORM

TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT (TCOLE/Service Code 11G4N6)

1. Schedule an appointment to be electronically fingerprinted by MorphoTrust USA at one of their IdentoGo enrollment centers.
 - Internet based scheduling is the quickest and most convenient way to obtain a fingerprint appointment.
 - a. **You may begin the process now by simply clicking on this link: <https://identogo.com>**
 - b. Click – Texas
 - c. Digital Fingerprinting
 - d. Service Code: **11G4N6**
 - e. Schedule your appointment accordingly.
 - f. Academy Number: **LE-453007**
 - If you prefer to schedule over the telephone, you must:
 - a. Have your Service Code ready (**11G4N6**), then call **888.467.2080**;
 - b. MorphoTrust will prompt you for the Service Code (**11G4N6**);
 - c. Schedule your appointment accordingly.
2. Arrive at your scheduled appointment with your photo identification and fee (\$9.95).
 - If you plan on bringing a form of identification other than a valid (unexpired) TX Driver License, please refer to the Department of Public Safety's acceptable document types here: <http://www.tnrollment.com/state/forms/tx/55fc619a7f7aa.doc>
 - MorphoTrust accepts Visa/MasterCard/Discover/AmericanExpress, business checks, money orders and coupon codes (employer accounts) at the time of service.
 - Please note that personal checks and cash are **not accepted**.
3. Your fingerprints will be submitted electronically to DPS and the FBI. You will not receive a printed fingerprint card.
4. At the conclusion of your appointment, the MorphoTrust enrollment agent will provide you with an IdentoGo receipt stating that you were fingerprinted.
 - Do not throw away the receipt;
 - You may check status on your submission by clicking on this link: <https://uenroll.identogo.com/servicecode/11G4N6> and then;
 - Click "**Check Status**"

Fingerprints provided for this application shall be used to check criminal history records of the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in accordance with applicable statutes.

Mail this form with all required documents to:

Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE)
 6330 E. Highway 290, STE 200
 Austin, Texas 78723-1035
www.tcole.texas.gov

Out of State/Federal Officers Eligibility Form

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION.

This form is to establish eligibility under reciprocity. If approved, you will be emailed an application allowing you to apply to take the peace officer licensing exam. Questions, please call (512) 936-7700.

Incomplete forms or documentation will be returned. Please allow at least 2-4 weeks for processing.

Please type or print all information.

Date of Application: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I.: _____ Suffix: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ State: _____

Date of Birth: _____ High School Diploma GED

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

(5112) Out-of-state or federal officers; (Documents must bear original certification seals or stamps. Detailed documentation requirements are listed in the eligibility form instructions.)

1. A copy of the basic training certificate for a police officer with hours listed;
2. A copy of a federal agent's license or credentials; or a copy of the police officer license or certificate issued by the state POST;
3. A statement from the state POST or federal employing agency revealing any disciplinary action(s) that may have been taken against any license or certificate issued by that agency or any pending action; or that no disciplinary action has been taken at any time on your license or certificate;
4. A statement from your employing agency(s) stating full time service as a police officer, federal officer, or agent;
5. A copy of your valid state-issued driver's license;
6. A copy of all your military discharge(s) (DD-214) (if applicable);

Upon signing this document I understand that I will have to meet the requirements of Commission rule §217.1 for licensure. I have not been convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication for any Class B Misdemeanor or above, nor do I currently have pending criminal charges against me. I am fully aware that this application is a government document and, under penalties of perjury, I declare the foregoing information to be true and correct.

Signature of Applicant		_____/_____/_____ Date
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the _____ day of _____, ____		
Notary public in and for, State of _____		
My commission expires _____/_____/____		
Printed Name of Notary		
Notary Seal or Stamp	Signature of Notary	

TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

6330 E Highway 290, STE 200

Austin, Texas 78723 - 1035

Phone: (512) 936-7700

<http://www.tcole.texas.gov>**PID ASSIGNMENT (C-1)****Completion of all fields required****INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION**

1. Social Security Number	2. First Name	3. M.I.	4. Last Name	5. Suffix (Jr., etc.)
6. Race / Ethnicity <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Multicultural <input type="checkbox"/> White		7. Date of Birth	8. Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	9. Driver's License State: Num.:
10. Home Mailing Address	11. City		12. State	13. Zip Code
14. Height	15. Weight	16. Hair Color	17. Eye Color	
18. U.S. Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	19. Phone Number (include area code)		20. E-mail	

This form is to be submitted only for the express purpose of having a personal identification number (PID) assigned by TCOLE to the above named individual therein creating a TCOLE record and allowing training to be reported for that individual.

Agency administrator or training coordinator check appropriate box for their student or employee.

- Applying for entry into a basic licensing course.
 Applicant has read and received a copy of §217.1 Minimum Standards for Initial Licensure.

Signature of Applicant_____
Date

- Future appointment as a Telecommunicator, Temporary or Licensed
 Future appointment as a County or Contract Jailer, Temporary or Licensed
 Future Appointment as a Probation Officer, Juvenile or Adult
 Ability to track training hours

TCOLE agency / training provider number _____ and Name _____

Agency Administrator or Training Coordinator (Type or Print) Signature_____
Date**Individuals not associated with a training provider or agency check below.**

- Applying for instructors certificate
 Applying for Retired Federal Firearms ID
 Applying for consideration of prior out-of-state, federal, military, or TDCJ training

Signature of Applicant_____
Date