

CLEET-BPOC ENTITY
BASIC PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Frequently Asked Questions about the *commissioned officer academy* application:

1. *Who is a commissioned officer?* Anyone who has been vetted by a law enforcement agency and found to be eligible for employment as a peace officer, is employed (even if not paid) as a peace officer, and has been granted a badge and authority to act as a peace officer. Individuals commissioned as reserve peace officers **are** commissioned officers for the purposes of this section. Jailers **are not** commissioned officers unless they are commissioned as a full-time or reserve peace officer.
2. *Does the physician release have to be signed by a “doctor”?* No. The physician’s release can be signed by anyone authorized to practice as a primary medical provider including medical doctors (MD); doctors of osteopathy (DO); physician assistants (PA; PA-C); nurse practitioners (NP; FNP-C; ANP-C; CNP; APRN); and chiropractors (DC).
3. *Do BPOC entities have to follow the CLEET academy uniform requirements?* No. We highly suggest a uniform be designated to encourage teambuilding and comradery, but your program does not have to use the blue polo/khaki pants formula.
4. *Do BPOC academy applicants have to successfully complete a reading and writing comprehension test prior to being approved to attend a BPOC entity’s academy?* Yes. A commissioned officer application will not be considered complete, and the applicant will not be approved by CLEET without a passing (70%) result on a reading and writing comprehensive test being attached to the application. The [POSSE](#) and [POST](#) tests are the only reading and writing comprehension exams approved by CLEET at this time.
5. *What happens if a commissioned officer is admitted to the BPOC entity’s academy but has their commission withdrawn by their agency during the academy?* If a commissioned officer cadet loses their commission during the academy, a BPOC entity may choose to convert the person to a noncommissioned student status and allow them to continue the training. If such occurs, the BPOC entity must require the individual to submit an application for review and vetting by the BPOC entity and the BPOC entity must maintain records on the individual as they would for all other noncommissioned students. If they are allowed to continue the academy as a noncommissioned student, CLEET must be notified of the cadets change in status within ten (10) business days of the occurrence. This notification can be sent via email. The person will not be certified upon successful completion of the certification/qualification exam but will only be qualified for certification at a later date. If the person is hired and commissioned by a new law enforcement agency during the course of the academy, that person will remain as a noncommissioned student and will have to seek certification pursuant to the provisions for noncommissioned students following successful completion of the qualification exam.

Frequently Asked Questions about the *Noncommissioned* applicants:

1. *What happens if a cadet starts as a noncommissioned cadet and then gets hired into a commissioned position during the academy?* If a cadet begins the academy as noncommissioned, then they must complete the academy as noncommissioned and will be subject to the post-BPOC application process to gain certification. The cadet is still subject to the extension process of having only six (6) months to complete their certification. If their certification will not be completed within six (6) months from the date of their commission, they will need to submit an extension request to CLEET.
2. *If a noncommissioned cadet had previous law enforcement employment prior to their completion of the BPOC program, will that count as “being employed within the two years required to gain certification”?* No. The cadet must be in a commissioned capacity after their qualification exam is administered to meet that requirement and be eligible to apply for certification.
3. *Will a noncommissioned cadet receive the same certification as a commissioned peace officer?* No. Noncommissioned individuals who successfully complete the qualification examination will receive a qualification verification letter and form. These documents will verify that the person has passed the qualification examination and is eligible for certification if employed and commissioned as a full-time or reserve peace officer within the applicable time limitation.

Participation Eligibility

In addition to the application processes described above, **all** BPOC training program participants must also score a minimum of 70% on a reading, writing, and comprehension examination and 70% on a physical agility test prior to beginning the training program. These requirements are statutory and are found at [70 O.S. § 3311.11\(A\) and \(B\)](#). The [POSSE](#) and [POST](#) tests are the only reading and writing comprehension exams approved by CLEET at this time.