

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

POWER TEST

Question: Am I required to complete a POWER test in order to qualify to take the exam?

Answer: Yes, the Commission utilizes the POWER test as a measure of physical aptitude.

ACADEMY/POWER CARD

Question: I am currently a sworn police officer working with a department out of state. Will I be required to attend another academy and obtain a POWER card?

Answer: The Chief of Police assesses prior academy experience, if any, in determining whether and which Academy a candidate must attend. The Commission will consider alternative testing of physical aptitude on a case by case basis.

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Question: I have an Associates in Arts with multiple classes in Criminal Justice, do I qualify?

Answer: No. It is the responsibility of the applicant to supply proof that they have received an Associates' Degree with a Major (or emphasis) in Criminal Justice or Law Enforcement or a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or University.

Question: Can I provide a diploma to show proof of my degree?

Answer: No, an official college transcript is required.

Question: I am currently a sworn officer with another department but would like to apply. Am I still required to meet the educational requirements?

Answer: Yes. We are currently offering examination to establish a register for Entry Level Police Officer. All applicants are required to meet the educational requirement upon hire.

Question: I have military experience, am I still required to meet the educational requirement?

Answer: Yes.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Question: Is the age requirement waived if I have been a police officer?

Answer: Yes, as provided for by 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-6

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Question: I was on the last list that expired, may I reapply for the new list?

Answer: Yes, thank you for your continued interest in joining our police department. Please complete an online application.

Question: When are study guides provided?

Answer: The link for the study guides will be provided prior to the orientation. The link will expire the day of the exam.

Question: When can I claim preference points? What is the maximum # of preference points awarded?

Answer: All applicants that are listed on the Initial Eligibility Register will be notified via email and will receive instructions for claiming preference points at that time. Each category is awarded 5 points with the maximum number of points awarded being 5 points.