

Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)

TITLE: Credentialing of Foreign Degrees

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Purpose and Scope

Guidelines on accepting foreign degrees as high school or GED equivalence as required in POST Rule 10, Basic Peace Officer Certification and POST Rule 12, Reserve Certification.

Policy

Colorado POST Rule 10 and Rule 12 require all individuals receiving a Basic Peace Officer or Reserve Certification to submit a copy of their high school diploma, or high school equivalency certificate.

If a basic peace officer or reserve officer obtained their education in a foreign country POST will not accept foreign transcripts. Foreign education must be evaluated by a credential evaluation service recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The credential evaluation is to confirm the individual has completed the education equivalent to that of a United States high school diploma or GED.

The applicants must use an approved member from either the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services or the Association of International Credentials Evaluators.

Procedure

If an inquiry is made to POST requesting acceptance of foreign education, the compliance program assistant will advise the individual they must submit a copy of their credential evaluation for review. POST will advise the applicant that we only consider credential evaluations valid if the evaluation was done by a U.S. Department of Education recognized member.

Upon receipt of a credential evaluation, the compliance program assistant will confirm the company completing the evaluation is a member of either the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services or the Association of International Credentials Evaluators. A list of the members can be found on the respective websites:

<http://www.naces.org>

<http://www.aice-eval.org>

After confirmation that the evaluation meets POST requirements, the compliance program assistant will review the document to ensure the minimum requirement of Rule 10 or 12 has been met and proceed as follows:

- If the minimum requirement has been met, the compliance program assistant will accept the credential and save the document to the person record in ACADIS.
- If the minimum requirement has not been met, the compliance program assistant will notify the individual and the academy (if applicable) that they do not meet the minimum standard for certification under Colorado POST Rule 10 or 12.