

Rule 12 – Reserve Certification

Effective November 15, 2024

- a) The Board is authorized to issue a reserve certificate to any applicant who meets the following requirements:
- (I) Possesses and submits a copy of their high school diploma, or high school equivalency certificate, or other evidence of successful completion of high school, including official college transcripts or degree; and
 - (II) Possesses and submits a copy of their current first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification, or equivalents; and
 - (III) Truthfully completes and submits the POST Form 2 – Application for Reserve Certification; and
 - (IV) Is in good standing with Colorado POST as determined by the Director; and
 - (V) Successfully completes the fingerprint-based criminal history record check required under Rule 14 and meets all of the following requirements:
 - (A) If applicable, submits a copy of their official military discharge documents showing character of service other than dishonorable conditions, per § 24-31-301(5), C.R.S.
 - (B) Successfully completes an approved reserve academy including skills training. within two (2) years of the graduation date.
 - (C) Submits a copy of their academy certificate of completion.
 - (D) Possesses and submits a copy of their current driver’s license or state-issued identification card.
 - (VI) Testing is valid for two years from the date of completion. After this time has elapsed, if reserve certification was not issued, the applicant must successfully complete an additional reserve academy program.

- b) Upon issuance of a reserve certification and appointment to an agency the individual must comply with training requirements outlined in § 24-31-315 C.R.S. within six (6) months.
 - (I) Complete two (2) hours of training in each of the following areas: anti-bias; community policing; situational de-escalation; and proper holds and restraints.
 - (II) Complete one (1) hour of training in each of the following areas: improving first responder interactions with persons with disabilities; and issues related to missing and murdered indigenous persons.
- c) Any law enforcement agency assigning duties to a reserve peace officer beyond those included in the approved reserve training shall assume the responsibility for ensuring that such reserve peace officer is adequately trained for such duties.
- d) If a reserve certificate holder has not served as a reserve peace officer for a total of at least six (6) months during any consecutive three-year period, the certification automatically expires at the end of such three-year period, unless the certificate holder is then serving as a reserve peace officer. If expired, the reserve certificate holder must complete a new reserve training academy.
 - (I) If a reserve certificate holder is deployed for military service, the certification automatically expires at the end of a three-year period from the date of certification or the date of separation from a Colorado law enforcement agency. If employed at time of deployment, the certificate holder, at the agency's discretion, may remain on the employment roster and their certification will not expire.
- e) Reserve certifications may not be renewed once expired.
- f) A certified peace officer may maintain current status as a certified peace officer while serving in a reserve peace officer position, recognized in § 16-2.5-110, C.R.S.