

Rule 16 – Skills Examinations for Provisional and Renewal Applicants

Effective November 15, 2024

- (a) To be eligible to take any of the skills examinations, an applicant must complete and submit all applicable POST form(s) as set forth in POST Rule, including POST Form 3 – *Application for Provisional Certification* and/or POST Form 4 – *Application for Renewal of Basic Certification* along with a law enforcement agency check, certified check, money order, or electronic payment in the prescribed amount for each examination to be taken (prior to the day of the exam).
- (b) Refunds of skills examination fees shall be provided only if requested more than twenty (20) days prior to the scheduled examination, unless the examination is postponed or canceled, or under such other exceptional circumstances as may be determined by the Director, or their designee.
- (c) All skills examinations must be coordinated and pre-approved by post staff. Only SME members, or the Director’s designee, may conduct skills examinations.
- (d) An applicant will be permitted three formal attempts to successfully complete each skills exam.
 - (I) Starting any skills exam is considered one attempt.
 - (II) An applicant may only coordinate additional attempts with POST staff in advance.
 - (III) Payment for each attempt must be submitted prior to the exam.
 - (IV) Multiple attempts may be permitted at the discretion of the SME member administering the test out. POST may or may not assess an additional exam fee.
- (e) If an applicant has failed a skills examination on three (3) formal attempts, the applicant then has two (2) years to complete the basic academy training program for that skill at a Colorado POST-approved basic or reserve academy at the discretion of the academy director and in coordination with POST. If the applicant does not complete the required training within the two (2) years following their last skills examination attempt, they must complete a full basic academy.

- (f) Skills examination scores are valid for two (2) years from the date of the last registered score with POST. All skills exams must be taken and successfully completed within two years of the initial application date.

- (g) Any protest or challenge to an examination or its administration must be made in writing within ten (10) days of the examination. The Director, or their designee, shall issue a decision in writing within twenty (20) working days. The decision of the Director, or their designee, shall be final, unless appealed to the Board in accordance with Rule 5(d).