



POST Entrance Examination

O.C.G.A. § 35-8-8(a) (9) requires each candidate for certification to “successfully complete a job related academy entrance examination provided for and administered by the council in conformity with state and federal law. Such examination shall be administered prior to entrance to the basic course provided for in Code Sections 35-8-9 and 35-8-11. Peace officers who do not perform satisfactorily on the examination shall be ineligible to retake such examination for a period of six months after an unsuccessful attempt.”

POST Council adopted the Descriptive Tests of Language Skills (Reading Comprehension and Sentence Structure) as the Basic Law Enforcement and Basic Corrections Academy Entrance Exams in 1990. Official cut-scores for Reading Comprehension and Sentence Structure were adopted for Basic Law Enforcement and Corrections and were implemented November 1, 1994.

This test was originally selected because the Technical Colleges in Georgia were using it, at the time, for admission to their programs and could interpret the results for any candidate that failed and provide remedial training, when necessary. The College Board quit selling this test in 2004 and POST has no way of acquiring additional test booklets.

POST staff has worked with the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) to use their current test, Asset and Compass, to replace POST’s test. Asset is a paper and pencil test; whereas, Compass is a computerized test with instant scoring.

On December 10, 2008, POST Council adopted the ASSET and COMPASS test as the official POST Entrance Examination. Therefore, effective January 1, 2009, the official entrance exam will be the COMPASS or ASSET test required for admission to the Technical College System of Georgia colleges. Regional academies will no longer be administering the Descriptive Test of Language Skills exam after December 31, 2008. When an individual passes the required POST entrance exam (old version or new version), the individual has met the state requirement for the POST certification application process. Individuals may test at any Technical College System of Georgia location, and details on how to schedule an appointment to take one of these tests are available from these locations. The POST entrance exam access form will be required to take this exam for the purpose of attending any basic law enforcement course, and this

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form can be obtained from the POST web site after January 1, 2009. Please be aware that if an individual can prove successful completion of other college admission tests which are provided at the end of this notice, they will be deemed to have satisfied the requirements of the POST Entrance Examination.

Please note: TCSG may charge a fee for taking the test. The fee ranges from \$15.00 to \$25.00 based upon the school. POST has no authority to regulate this.

POST Entrance Exam Results

Below are the minimum scores required for satisfying OCGA § 35-8-8 regarding completion of the POST entrance examination.

TEST	Sub-Test	Scaled Score
ASSET	Reading	38
	Writing	35
	Numerical *	35
COMPASS	Reading	70
	Writing	23
	Numerical *	26
SAT	Verbal	430
	Math	400
ACT	Verbal	18
	Math	16
CPE	Reading	75
	Math	75
	English	75

* Score is used for evaluation purposes only and does not determine whether a candidate successfully passes the exam. Persons attending a BLETC at one of the Technical Colleges in Georgia are required to achieve this minimum score.