

## **Information on the Recertification Process & Dealing with Expired Certifications**

The GA POST Council has voted to end the recertification requirement for all POST certified peace officers, effective January 1, 2022. There will be no further recertification process.

However, those POST certified officers whose certifications have already expired **will be required** to complete the following courses in order to remove the expired status:

- Classroom **or** Online Instruction:

Legal Update

Use of Force

De-escalation

Community Oriented Policing

- Skills Demonstration with GA POST Certified Firearms Instructor:

Georgia's Standard Qualification Course for Firearms Requalification

*POST also recommends the returning officer take the 16-hour GA Criminal Law course either at GPSTC or from a POST certified instructor.*

Upon determination that the courses have been passed and that there are no other issues with the officer's certification, GA POST Council will remove the expired status.

### **ATTENTION OFFICERS & AGENCIES:**

Remember POST Rules regarding officer records being updated and disciplinary actions being reported:

#### **464-3-.04 Applications to be Permanent Records:**

Responsibility to Keep Current. All certification applications under these Rules shall be a permanent record. Should any change occur after certification that would require a different answer to any question in the application, to include change of address, or any supporting document that is made as part of the application, such change must be reported, by the officer, as an amendment to the application within thirty (30) days of the date of the occurrence of such change.

#### **464-3-.05 Notification of Disciplinary Action.**

**Any applicant/candidate for certification or person certified pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 35, Chapter 8, who has disciplinary action taken against him/her by any agency, organ, or department of this State, a subdivision or municipality thereof, or federal, shall notify the Council within fifteen (15) days of said action.** For purposes of the fifteen (15) day time limit, evidence that notification was mailed within fifteen (15) days shall be sufficient. Disciplinary action as used herein means any action taken by any municipal, county, state or federal agency against a certified officer, which meet any of the following criteria:

- (a) arrest by local, state, or federal authorities;
- (b) suspensions, in totality, of thirty (30) days or longer for singular incidents of misconduct, demotions (other than for administrative purposes), termination by employing agency, or resignations in lieu of terminations;
- (c) indictments of presentments in any local, state or federal courts;
- (d) conviction or bond forfeiture, in any local, state or federal court. The term "conviction" shall include a finding or verdict of guilt, plea of guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere, regardless of whether the adjudication of guilt or sentence is withheld or not entered thereon;

**464-3-.06 Notification Required by Employing Agency. Amended.**

- (c) Employing agencies shall inform the Council in writing within fifteen (15) days of any applicant/candidate for certification or certified officer arrest.**