

Petition Information

The following are the procedures required to petition the Georgia P.O.S.T. Council for either Reinstatement of Certification(s) or Reconsideration of a Denied Application for Certification.

REINSTATEMENT/RECONSIDERATION REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with POST Rule 464-18-.01, a former officer whose certification or registration is in a revoked or surrendered status, or an applicant whose application for certification has been denied, may petition the Georgia P.O.S.T. Council for reinstatement for reconsideration **after a minimum of two (2) years/twenty-four (24) calendar months** in the revoked, surrendered, or denied status. The petition must be in writing and contain the following information:

1. Full Name, Address, Telephone Number & Social Security Number of the petitioner.
2. A clearly written statement(s) providing reason(s) why the petitioner's certification, or registration, should be restored or the application should be reconsidered.
3. Any supporting documents or witnesses the petitioner wishes the Council to review in considering the petition.
4. A complete Petition Application for Certification.
5. A certified check or money order for \$400 or a receipt showing that an online payment has been completed at web link <https://www.gpostc.org/rtt/order.php> (Note: Please choose item selection "**Processing Petitions for Reinstatement/ Reconsideration Application** for **\$400** when paying using the online payment option).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Persons who have been convicted of a felony offense may still petition the Council for reinstatement, however, under Georgia law, they may not be certified peace officers.

A complete petition, meeting all of the above requirements will be placed on the agenda of the P.O.S.T. Certification Committee. Placement of a petition on the Committee agenda depends on several factors, including, but not limited to:

- The timely receipt of a complete petition which meets all of the requirements.
- The schedule of the Committee meeting dates. (***The Certification Committee only meets four (4) times per year.***)
- Deadlines for submitting Committee agenda items.
- Finalizing the Committee agenda.

For these reasons after you have submitted a petition some time may pass before you receive notification to appear at a Committee meeting. Your petition will be on the **first available** Committee agenda, **after your eligibility date**, and **after you have submitted the complete petition**.

When the agenda is finalized, you will be notified by certified mail of the exact date, time and location of the Committee meeting at which your petition will be presented. Every effort will be made to give you sufficient notice of your appearance date, usually about six to eight weeks before the Certification Committee meeting.

You and your legal representative (if one is retained), are required to personally appear before the Committee. The Committee will make a recommendation to approve or deny the petition. The Committee recommendation will then be presented to the full Council, at the next available meeting. The Council will vote on the Committee recommendation. Should the Council choose not to reinstate the certification, or registration, or denies the application, a new petition may not be presented to the Council until two (2) years (24 calendar months) have passed from the date of the denial.

Petition for Reinstatement or Reconsideration

Definitions:

Reinstatement – An individual previously had a certification, or certifications, which were ***revoked*** by the P.O.S.T. Council. A petition for **reinstatement** is a request that the Council reactivate the certification(s).

Reconsideration – An individual has never been issued a certification. A petition for **reconsideration** is a request that the P.O.S.T. Council approve an application for certification which has been previously ***denied***.

Petition Forms: Mail completed items 1 and 2 to P.O.S.T. Council at the following address:

**Georgia P.O.S.T. Council
P.O. Box 349
Clarkdale, GA 30111-0349**

1. Acknowledgment Form
 2. Petition Application for Certification
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The following references are available on the P.O.S.T. web site (www.gapost.org):

1. P.O.S.T. Rule 464-18- Petitions to Council
2. O.C.G.A. §35-8-7.1 – Authority of Council
3. O.C.G.A. §35-8-8 – Requirements for Certification
4. O.C.G.A. §35-8-17 – Failure to Comply
5. P.O.S.T. Rule 464-3 – Officer Certification

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Read and **initial** after each item in the space provided. **Sign** and **date** the form at the bottom.

I understand that my certification has previously been **REVOKED** or **DENIED** by the P.O.S.T. Council. _____

I certify that while in a **REVOKED** or **DENIED** status I have not been employed in any capacity and/or performing any duties which required certification. _____

I certify that I meet all requirements for Certification per O.C.G.A. §35-8-8 and P.O.S.T. Rule 464-3. _____

Signature

Date