

**RULES  
OF  
THE TENNESSEE PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS  
AND TRAINING COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 1110-10  
FIREARM CERTIFICATION FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

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**1110-10-.01 RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FIREARMS CERTIFICATION APPLICATIONS.**

- (1) A retired law enforcement officer seeking certification from the Commission to carry a concealed firearm shall submit:
  - (a) A signed letter from the chief law enforcement officer of the retired officer's law enforcement agency that the officer retired in good standing with their initial application;
  - (b) Proof of having met the annual training and qualification standards for active law enforcement officers to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed weapon they intend to carry signed by a current POST certified fire arms instructor or a instructor at the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy; and
  - (c) An annual certification fee of ten dollars (\$10) payable by check.
- (2) A retired law enforcement officer firearms certification issued by the Commission shall expire one (1) year from the date the retired officer successfully met the annual training and qualification standards for active law enforcement officers to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed weapon.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 38-8-116. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed March 18, 2010; effective June 16, 2010.

**1110-10-.02 CERTIFICATION FOR PRIVATE FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR.**

- (1) Certification for Private Firearms Instructor - Those instructors desiring to provide firearms training pursuant to § 38-8-116 must obtain certification as a private firearms instructor and shall meet the following requirements:
  - (a) Requirements for Certification
    - (i) An applicant shall have at least five (5) years of experience as a full-time sworn law enforcement officer; or, equivalent combination of education and experience as determined by the Commission.
    - (ii) An applicant shall successfully complete a forty (40) hour instructor development program and/or any equivalent combination of education and experience as determined by the Commission.

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- (iii) An applicant must have successfully completed a minimum of forty (40) hours of certified training in the specialized area having been approved by the POST Commission.
    - (iv) Any exceptions to the above rules shall be approved by the Commission.
  - (b) Application for Certification
    - (i) Persons seeking certification shall submit an application for Private Firearms Instructor in such form as the Commission may require.
    - (ii) An applicant must submit a complete lesson plan in the specialized area.
    - (iii) An applicant must submit a Certificate of Completion of a forty (40) hour instructor development course.
    - (iv) An applicant must submit a Certificate of Training in the Specialized Area(s).
    - (v) An applicant must submit a certification fee of ten dollars (\$10) [payable by check].
- (2) Revocation of instructor certification will be considered by the Commission for the following reasons:
  - (a) An instructor's employment is terminated for reason(s) detrimental to the law enforcement profession;
  - (b) Failure to properly prepare and deliver adequate instruction;
  - (c) Holder of instructor certification falsifies or omits information required on application for certification or on supporting document.
- (3) An instructor's certification becomes inactive if the holder of the certification does not instruct, within a two (2) year period. Inactive certification may be reactivated upon written request and proof of instruction.

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### **1110-10-.03 TRAINING CERTIFICATION OBTAINED FROM THE POST COMMISSION.**

A retired law enforcement officer seeking to obtain the annual training and qualification standards for active law enforcement officers to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed weapon from the Commission shall be required to pay the standard firing range tuition rate and fees charged by the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy.

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