

## **Equivalency of Training Information**

**Effective January 1, 2022**

The Equivalency of Training (EOT) process may allow an officer who does not possess a GA POST law enforcement certification to be exempt from having to complete the entire basic law enforcement training course.

Types of officers who may be eligible for the EOT process:

Eligible Federal Peace Officers;

Military Peace Officers (MP + CID, or equivalent);

Out-of-State Peace Officers;

Pre-Service Candidates and Inactive Registered Georgia Peace Officers actively employed in law enforcement or who have graduated from a basic law enforcement training course;

Individuals who attended the basic law enforcement training course, in Georgia, and did not complete the certification process.

**All others will be required to attend the entire basic law enforcement training course.**

You may be eligible for an exemption from the full basic law enforcement training course if you also meet the following requirements:

1. You attended a basic law enforcement training course in another state or with the federal government;
2. Your certification as a peace officer in another state or with the federal government is valid.

Upon application approval, the EOT candidate will be **required** to pass the following courses:

~ Classroom **or** Online Instruction:

Georgia Criminal Law -16 Hours

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

**Online courses and registration information can be found at GPSTC ([Home - GPSTC](#))**

**Upon completion of this process, the candidate would be issued a GA POST basic law enforcement certification.**

***NOTE:** Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 35-8-10 (a) No person required to comply with the certification provisions of this chapter shall be employed or appointed by any law enforcement unit without certification from the council that the applicant has met the pre-employment requirements established in this chapter, and no candidate shall perform any of the duties of a peace officer involving the power of arrest until such training shall have been successfully completed.*

To begin the EOT application, please create a user name in the POST Data Gateway. **(Go to web link [https://www.gapost.org/pdf\\_file/register\\_new.pdf](https://www.gapost.org/pdf_file/register_new.pdf) for instructions on how to register as a new user.)** Once you have logged into the POST Data Gateway, click on the applications function and then click on the “New app” button next to “Start New Candidate Application for Basic Certification” on the screen. You will need to complete the application menu items until you get to Agency/Academy information. When you have completed the menu items, send an e-mail to [helpdesk@gapost.org](mailto:helpdesk@gapost.org) stating “I have completed the items for my EOT application. Please contact me to complete my application process.”

If you have further questions about your application, you can call the Help Desk at (770)-732-5604 or send an e-mail to the Help Desk.



**FEES: There is no fee for EOT and Application Processing..**

You may also be required to pay for Georgia Applicant Processing Service, GAPS, (fingerprints) and a background investigation, depending upon your employment status. Persons employed full-time with a Georgia law enforcement agency may have these services provided by the hiring authority.

For more information on GAPS, please visit: [GAPS Applicant Processing Service \(gemalto.com\)](http://gemalto.com)