

Petition for Reinstatement or Reconsideration

Definitions:

Reinstatement – An individual previously had a certification, or certifications, which were revoked by the POST 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 POST Council approve an application for certification which has been previously denied.

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 POST Council for reinstatement or 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. Statement(s) must be signed and dated.
3. Any supporting documents or witnesses the petitioner wishes the Council to review in considering the petition.
4. A complete Petition for Reinstatement/Reconsideration Application.
5. A certified check or money order for \$400 or a receipt showing that an online payment has been completed in the Online Payment Portal (<https://www.gpostc.org/order.php>)

Note: Please select the \$400 "Processing Petitions for Reinstatement/ Reconsideration Application" option when paying online.

IMPORTANT: *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.*

Petition Process

A complete petition, meeting all of the above requirements will be placed on the agenda of the POST 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 as the Certification Committee only meets four (4) times per year.
- Deadlines for submitting Committee agenda items.
- Finalizing the Committee agenda.

For these reasons, some time may pass between when you have submitted a petition and when 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.

Instructions

Mail the following items to:

Georgia POST Council
P.O. Box 349
Clarkdale, GA 30111-0349

1. [Acknowledgment Form](#)
2. [Petition for Reinstatement/Reconsideration Application](#) including:
 - a. Your full name, address, telephone number, and Social Security

number.

- b. A clearly written statement(s) providing reason(s) why your certification or registration should be restored or your application should be reconsidered.
 - c. Any supporting documents or witnesses you wish the Council to review in considering the petition.
3. Payment or proof of online payment.

References

The following references are available on the POST website (www.gapost.org):

- POST Rule 464-18 – Petitions to Council
- O.C.G.A. §35-8-7.1 – Authority of Council
- O.C.G.A. §35-8-8 – Requirements for Certification
- O.C.G.A. §35-8-17 – Failure to Comply
- POST Rule 464-3 – Officer Certification