

## **POLICE OFFICER MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

### **Residency**

Each applicant for employment in the Classified Service must be a citizen of the United States. Police Officers must assume a primary residence in the Commonwealth of Kentucky within 180 days of appointment

### **Age Limit**

Appointees to positions in the Police Department shall be 21 years of age at time of appointment.

### **Moral Character**

- (1) Each applicant shall be of good moral character and shall not have been convicted of any criminal offense involving any felony, class A misdemeanor, or any drug related offense.
- (2) Each applicant shall be required to adhere to the following criteria as it pertains to drug usage. Failure to meet these standards shall result in termination of the hiring process.
  - a. An applicant who has used any illegal drug while employed in any law enforcement or prosecutorial position, or while employed in a position which carries with it a high level of responsibility or public trust, will be found unsuitable for employment.
  - b. An applicant who is discovered to have misrepresented his/her drug history in completing the application will be found unsuitable for employment.
  - c. Any applicant who sold an illegal drug for profit at any time will be found unsuitable for employment.
  - d. Any applicant who has used any illegal drug in the three years immediately preceding the time of application will be found unsuitable for employment.

### **Education**

Applicants for the position of police officer shall have completed and be able to substantiate a minimum of 60 semester or 90 quarter hours from an accredited university or college or have a minimum of two years of experience as a law enforcement officer before the application can be accepted. A combination of 30 semester or 45 quarter hours from an accredited university or college supplemented by a minimum of one year of experience as a law enforcement officer will also be considered an acceptable level of education and training for a police officer applicant. Four years of active-duty military service with any branch of the United States Military shall also satisfy the requirements of this section.

Law Enforcement Officer for the purposes of this regulation shall be defined as: a member of a lawfully organized police unit or police force of federal, state, county, city or metropolitan government who is responsible for the detection of crime and the enforcement of general criminal laws, as well as sheriffs, sworn deputy sheriffs, campus security officers, military police officers, jailers, public airport authority security officers, other public and federal peace officers responsible for law enforcement, and special local police officers licensed pursuant to KRS 61.360 or comparable statute of another state.

Applicants for all positions shall have completed and be able to substantiate at least a high school diploma from an accredited high school or a G.E.D. equivalency before the application can be accepted.