



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 109:2-1-05 Approval of school commanders.

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Each commander is required to have the approval of the executive director to conduct a school. Such approval will be based upon the submission of a typewritten statement of qualifications by the person seeking approval to be designated a commander on a form prescribed by the executive director. All persons seeking approval to be a school commander on or after January 1, 2000, who have not previously been designated a school commander shall conform to the minimum qualifications for certification as a commander and must be associated with an established or proposed school.

(A) Minimum qualifications for certification of commander shall be as follows:

- (1) High school graduate or possession of a "General Education Development" certificate; and
- (2) Seven years of experience as a full-time law enforcement officer, two of which must be as a full-time law enforcement supervisor;
- (3) Completion of ninety quarter hours or sixty semester hours at an accredited college or university.;
and
- (4) Professional references from three current police administrators of the rank of lieutenant or above; and
- (5) No convictions for a felony, crime of moral turpitude, offense of violence, sexually oriented or child-victim oriented offense, or any other peace officer disqualifying offense.
- (6) For applicants applying to be commanders on or after the date of this amendment, completion of a commander training program approved by the executive director.

(B) Upon receipt and verification of a application form for commander certification and completion of an Ohio peace officer training commission commander conference, the executive director may



issue a certificate to the applicant. Should the executive director refuse to issue a certificate, the notice of this action shall be sent to the applicant. Unless the decision was of a ministerial nature, the applicant shall be advised that he or she may request a hearing before the commission as provided in sections 119.06 and 119.07 of the Revised Code. The commission shall conduct the hearing as required by sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code.

(C) Certification shall be renewed every five years. At least sixty days and no more than ninety days prior to expiration of the certificate, the individual shall submit, on a form prescribed by the executive director, an application for renewal that indicates the applicant has complied with the following:

- (1) The applicant has conducted a least two basic training academies within the renewal period;
- (2) The applicant has attended at least one commander conference within the renewal period if commander conferences are offered; and
- (3) The applicant has completed at least twenty-four hours of training relevant to conducting and overseeing a peace officer basic training academy.

(D) Denial of issuance or renewal of certificate, or revocation of certificate

The executive director shall deny, refuse to renew, or revoke the certification of any commander for the following reasons:

- (1) Failure to meet the minimum qualifications for certification of a commander listed in paragraph (A) of this rule
- (2) A commander's evaluation reflecting unacceptable performance; or
- (3) Conviction for a felony, crime of moral turpitude, offense of violence, sexually oriented or child-victim oriented offense, or any other peace officer disqualifying offense; or
- (4) Absence from two consecutive commander's conferences; or



(5) Violation of rules promulgated under this chapter; or

(6) For any other good cause shown.

The executive director shall notify the commander in writing of this decision. Unless the decision was of a ministerial nature, the commander shall be advised that he or she may request a hearing before the commission as provided in sections 119.06 and 119.07 of the Revised Code. The commission shall conduct the hearing as required by sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code.

(E) Suspension of certificate

The executive director may suspend the certification of any commander that is charged with felony, crime of moral turpitude, offense of violence, sexually oriented or child-victim oriented offense, or any other peace officer disqualifying offense. The executive director shall notify the commander in writing of this decision. The commander shall be advised that he or she may request a hearing before the commission as provided in sections 119.06 and 119.07 of the Revised Code. The commission shall conduct the hearing as required by sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code.