

Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZPOST) Certification

1060.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Maintaining valid AZPOST certification is a critical element of an officer's ability to continue employment and is his/her sole professional responsibility. Officers of this department are required to possess and maintain a valid certification (AAC § R13-4-103).

1060.2 CERTIFICATION RETENTION

The certified status of a peace officer may be cancelled, suspended or revoked by AZPOST pursuant to AAC § R13-4-109. Officers shall meet the continuing training, proficiency training and firearms qualification requirements determined by AZPOST to retain certification (AAC § R13-4-111). The Department shall maintain records for each member's AZPOST requirements pursuant to AAC § R13-4-108.

1060.2.1 RESTRICTION OF CERTIFICATION

Officers who fail to complete the retention requirements will have their certification restricted by AZPOST (AAC § R13-4-109.01). The officer may, at the discretion of and based on the needs of the Department, be placed in a temporary administrative assignment until any training or qualification restriction has been removed. It is the officer's responsibility for removing the AZPOST restriction.

An officer who fails the firearms qualification shall not carry or use a firearm on-duty (AAC § R13-4-109.01(B)). Any officer who fails to satisfy AZPOST continuing training or proficiency training requirements shall not engage in enforcement duties, carry or use a firearm on duty, wear or display a badge, wear a uniform, make arrests, perform patrol functions, or operate a marked police vehicle (AAC § R13-4-109.01(C)).

Officers who fail to meet certification requirements may also face administrative discipline up to and including termination.