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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sarah Hieb, Department of Public Safety

FROM: April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor *AS*
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DATE: December 20, 2024

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Department of Public Safety

Department of Public Safety regulations re: Certifications for Officers (13 AAC 85.045 -
13 AAC 85.237)

Attorney General File:	2023200342
Regulation Filed:	12/20/2024
Effective Date:	1/19/2025
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cc with enclosures: Beth Parsons, Department of Law
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December 20, 2024

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
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Re: *13 AAC 85.045 - 13 AAC 85.237: Public Safety - Certifications for Officers*
Our file: 2023200342

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Alaska Police Standards Council against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Alaska Police Standards Council after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations concern police officer certifications. The regulations provide for new certification types for police officers and for correction, probation, and parole officers, and establish the eligibility criteria for obtaining these certifications.

The January 26, 2024 public notice and the December 13, 2024 certification of adoption both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060. The corrections are incorporated into the attached copy of the regulations.

Sincerely,

TREG TAYLOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO
REGULATIONS OF
ALASKA POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL

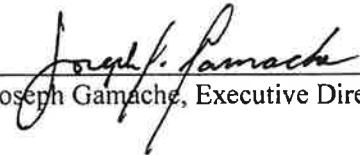
The attached nine (9) pages of regulations, dealing with certification levels and standards for police, probation, parole, correctional, and municipal correctional officers, are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Alaska Police Standards Council adopted at its December 2, 2024 meeting, under the authority of AS 18.65.220(1) and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Alaska Police Standards Council paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

Date: December 13, 2024




Joseph Gamache, Executive Director

April Simpson for

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on

December 20, 2024 at 1:50 P.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

for 

Lieutenant Governor *Nancy Dahlstrom*

Effective: January 19, 2025.

Register: 253, April 2025.

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Dahlstrom", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**NANCY DAHLSTROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

13 AAC 85 is amended by adding a new section to read:

13 AAC 85.045. Supervisory and management certification for police officers. (a)

The council will issue a supervisory or management certificate to an applicant who meets the standards set forth in (b) or (c) of this section. No certificate will be issued unless the applicant submits the documents required under 13 AAC 85.010(d) to the council.

(b) To be eligible for a supervisory certificate, an applicant must

- (1) be a full-time paid police officer of a police department in this state;
- (2) possess an intermediate or advanced certificate;
- (3) have directly supervised at least one other public safety employee full-time for

at least 12 months;

(4) have successfully completed council approved supervisor training consisting of at least 80 hours of instruction; and

(5) have completed at least 40 hours of additional council approved training in addition to those previously relied upon for intermediate or advanced officer certification.

(c) To be eligible for a management certificate, an applicant must:

- (1) be a full-time paid police officer of a police department in this state;
- (2) possess a supervisory certificate;
- (3) have directly supervised at least one first-line supervisor for at least 12

months;

(4) have successfully completed council approved management level training consisting of at least 80 hours of instruction; and

(5) have completed at least 40 hours of additional council approved training in addition to those previously relied upon for prior certification. (Eff. 1 / 19 / 2025, Register 253)

Authority: AS 18.65.220 AS 18.65.240

The section heading of 13 AAC 85.230 is changed to read:

13 AAC 85.230. Basic, intermediate, and advanced certificates [CERTIFICATE] for probation, parole, and correctional officers.

13 AAC 85.230 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(f) To be eligible for an intermediate probation, parole, or correctional officer certificate, an applicant must

- (1) be a full-time paid probation, parole, or correctional officer in this state;
- (2) possess a basic certificate; and
- (3) have acquired, subject to (j) and (k) of this section, either or both of the

following:

(A) the following minimum number of years of experience as a probation, parole, or correctional officer, minimum education points, and minimum training hours:

Minimum years of experience	two	Four	five	six
Minimum education points in college credit	Bachelor of arts (B.A.) or bachelor of science (B.S.) degree	Associate of arts (A.A.) or associate of science (A.S.) degree	45	None
Minimum training hours	40	80	100	120

(B) seven or more years of experience as an officer and a minimum of 20 training hours for each year of probation, parole, or correctional officer experience.

(g) To be eligible for an advanced certificate, an applicant must

- (1) be a full-time paid probation, parole, or correctional officer in this state;
- (2) possess a basic and intermediate certificate; and
- (3) have acquired, subject to (j) and (k) of this section, either or both of the

following:

(A) the following minimum number of years of experience as a probation, parole, or correctional officer, minimum education points, and minimum training hours:

Minimum years of experience	Four	Six	Nine	11	13
Minimum education points in college credit	Master's degree	Bachelor of arts (B.A.) or bachelor of science (B.S.) degree	Associate of arts (A.A.) or associate of science (A.S.) degree	45	None
Minimum training hours	40	80	140	180	220

(B) 14 or more years of experience as an officer and a minimum of 20 training hours for each year of probation, parole, or correctional officer experience.

(h) College credits or degrees awarded by an institution of higher learning accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education will be recognized by the council. College credits awarded for advanced, supervisory, management, executive, or specialized law enforcement courses may be recognized by the

council for either training or education points. Education points will be awarded on the following basis:

- (1) one-quarter college credit equals two-thirds of an education point;
- (2) one semester college credit equals one education point.

(i) All training must be documented, and the course must have been completed successfully by the applicant.

(j) After a basic certificate is awarded, an officer must achieve the prescribed training hours toward the next level of certification. After an intermediate certificate is awarded, an officer must achieve the prescribed training hours for an advanced certificate. The officer may not count the same hours toward each subsequent level of certification.

(k) Hours earned while attending a basic academy may not be applied to the requirements under (f) and (g) of this section. (Eff. 8/8/90, Register 115; am 6/13/2002, Register 162; am 9/24/2016, Register 219; am 4/6/2018, Register 226; am 1 / 19 / 2025, Register 253)

Authority: AS 18.65.220 AS 18.65.242

13 AAC 85 is amended by adding a new section to read:

13 AAC 85.232. Supervisory and management certification for probation, parole, and correctional officers. (a) The council will issue a supervisory or management certificate to an applicant who meets the standards set forth in (b) or (c) of this section. No certificate will be issued unless the applicant submits the documents required under 13 AAC 85.210 to the council.

(b) To be eligible for a supervisory certificate, an applicant must:

- (1) be a full-time paid probation, parole, or correctional officer in this state;
- (2) possess an intermediate or advanced certificate;

(3) have directly supervised at least one other public safety employee for at least 12 months;

(4) have successfully completed council approved supervisor training consisting of at least 80 hours of instruction; and

(5) have completed at least 40 hours of additional council approved training in addition to those previously relied upon for intermediate or advanced officer certification.

(c) To be eligible for a management certificate, an applicant must:

(1) be a full-time paid probation, parole, or correctional officer in this state;

(2) possess a supervisory certificate;

(3) have directly supervised at least one first-line supervisor for at least 12 months;

(4) have successfully completed council approved management level training consisting of at least 80 hours of instruction; and

(5) have completed at least 40 hours of additional council approved training in addition to those previously relied upon for prior certification. (Eff. 1 / 19 / 2025, Register 253)

Authority: AS 18.65.220 AS 18.65.242

The section heading of 13 AAC 85.235 is changed to read:

13 AAC 85.235. Basic, intermediate, and advanced certificates [CERTIFICATE] for municipal correctional officers.

13 AAC 85.235 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(e) To be eligible for an intermediate certificate, an applicant must

- (1) be a full-time paid municipal correctional officer in this state;
- (2) possess a basic certificate; and
- (3) have acquired, subject to (i) and (j) of this section, either or both of the

following:

(A) the following minimum number of years of experience as a municipal correctional officer, minimum education points, and minimum training hours:

Minimum years of experience	two	Four	Five	six
Minimum education points in college credit	Bachelor of arts (B.A.) or bachelor of science (B.S.) degree	Associate of arts (A.A.) or associate of science (A.S.) degree	45	None
Minimum training hours	40	80	100	120

(B) seven or more years of experience as a municipal correctional officer and a minimum of 20 training hours for each year of officer experience.

(f) To be eligible for an advanced certificate, an applicant must

- (1) be a full-time paid municipal correctional officer in this state;
- (2) possess a basic and intermediate certificate; and
- (3) have acquired, subject to (i) and (j) of this section, either or both of the

following:

(A) the following minimum number of years of experience as a municipal correctional officer, minimum education points, and minimum training hours:

Minimum years of experience	Four	Six	Nine	11	13
Minimum education points in college credit	Master's degree	Bachelor of arts (B.A.) or bachelor of science (B.S.) degree	Associate of arts (A.A.) or associate of science (A.S.) degree	45	None
Minimum training hours	40	80	140	180	220

(B) 14 or more years of experience as a municipal correctional officer and a minimum of 20 training hours for each year of officer experience.

(g) College credits or degrees awarded by an institution of higher learning accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education will be recognized by the council. College credits awarded for advanced, supervisory, management, executive, or specialized law enforcement courses may be recognized by the council for either training or education points. Education points will be awarded on the following basis:

- (1) one quarter college credit equals two-thirds of an education point;
- (2) one semester college credit equals one education point.

(h) All training must be documented, and the course must have been completed successfully by the applicant.

(i) After a basic certificate is awarded, an officer must achieve the prescribed training hours toward the next level of certification. After an intermediate certificate is awarded, an officer must achieve the prescribed training hours for an advanced certificate. The officer may not count the same hours toward each subsequent level of certification.

(j) Hours earned while attending a basic academy may not be applied to the requirements under (e) and (f) this section. (Eff. 4/12/2001, Register 158; am 6/13/2002, Register 162; am 9/24/2016, Register 219; am 4/6/2018, Register 226; am 1 / 19 / 2025, Register 253)

Authority AS 18.65.220 AS 18.65.242

13 AAC 85 is amended by adding a new section to read:

13 AAC 85.237. Supervisory and management certification for municipal correctional officers. (a) The council will issue a supervisory or management certificate to an applicant who meets the standards set forth in (b) or (c) of this section. No certificate will be issued unless the applicant submits the documents required under 13 AAC 85.215 to the council.

(b) To be eligible for a supervisory certificate, an applicant must:

- (1) be a full-time paid municipal correctional officer in this state;
- (2) possess an intermediate or advanced certificate;
- (3) have directly supervised at least one other public safety employee for at least 12 months;
- (4) have successfully completed council approved supervisor training consisting of at least 80 hours of instruction; and
- (5) have completed at least 40 hours of additional council approved training in addition to those previously relied upon for intermediate or advanced officer certification.

(c) To be eligible for a management certificate, an applicant must:

- (1) be a full-time paid municipal correctional officer in this state;
- (2) possess a supervisory certificate;

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(3) have directly supervised at least one first-line supervisor for at least 12 months;

(4) have successfully completed council approved management level training consisting of at least 80 hours of instruction; and

(5) have completed at least 40 hours of additional council approved training in addition to those previously relied upon for prior certification. (Eff. 1 / 19 / 2025, Register 253)

Authority: AS 18.65.220 AS 18.65.242

13 AAC 85.900 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(30) "public safety employee" means a full-time employee of a participating police department or correctional agency. (Eff. 8/10/73, Register 47; am 8/10/80, Register 75; am 9/23/84, Register 91; am 3/16/89, Register 109; am 8/8/90, Register 115; am 10/24/92, Register 124; am 9/6/96, Register 139; am 7/15/98, Register 147; am 3/25/2001, Register 157; am 4/12/2001, Register 158; am 6/13/2002, Register 162; am 8/8/2007, Register 183; am 2/13/2010, Register 193; am 9/24/2016, Register 219; am 4/6/2018, Register 226; am 6/17/2020, Register 234; am 1 / 19 / 2025, Register 253)

Authority: AS 18.65.220 AS 18.65.242 AS 18.65.290
AS 18.65.240 AS 18.65.285