

15.540 Qualifications for public safety telecommunicator -- Information not subject to disclosure -- Training requirements.

- (1) An agency seeking to hire a telecommunicator shall certify to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council within one hundred twenty (120) days after the hire date that the applicant:
 - (a) Is a citizen of the United States and has reached the age of majority;
 - (b)
 1. Is a high school graduate, regardless of whether the school is accredited or certified by a governing body, provided that the education received met the attendance and curriculum standards of Kentucky law at the time of graduation, as determined by the Kentucky Department of Education; or
 2. Possesses a High School Equivalency Diploma;
 - (c) Has not been convicted of a felony or other crimes involving moral turpitude as determined by submission of each applicant's fingerprints to the information systems section of the Department of Kentucky State Police and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation identification division, and by such other investigations as required by the hiring agency;
 - (d) Has taken a psychological suitability screening administered or approved by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council to determine his or her suitability to perform the duties of a telecommunicator. Any agency that administers its own suitability screening shall certify the results to the department;
 - (e) Has taken a polygraph examination administered or approved by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council to determine his or her suitability to perform the duties of a telecommunicator. Any agency that administers its own polygraph examination shall certify the results to the department; and
 - (f) Has passed a drug screening administered or approved by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council. A person shall be deemed to have passed a drug screening if the results are negative for the use of an illegal controlled substance or prescription drug abuse. Any agency that administers its own screening shall certify passing results to the department.
- (2) Provisions of the Open Records Act, KRS 61.870 to 61.884, to the contrary notwithstanding, the applicant's home address, telephone number, date of birth, Social Security number, and results of any background investigation, psychological suitability screening, and polygraph examination conducted under this section shall not be subject to disclosure.
- (3) An agency that provides CJIS data using a CJIS terminal to law enforcement agencies and is seeking to hire a telecommunicator after July 15, 2024, shall certify the applicant through the CJIS online training program before the applicant can deliver CJIS data to law enforcement.
- (4) An agency that does not have a CJIS terminal but receives CJIS data from an agency holding its originating agency identifier shall complete the CJIS security and privacy training before the applicant can deliver CJIS data to law enforcement.
- (5) If a public safety telecommunicator's only function is a call-taker at an agency that has a CJIS terminal, the telecommunicator shall not be required to complete the

CJIS online program but shall complete the CJIS security and privacy training.

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