

**JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY CABINET**  
**Department of State Police**  
**(Amendment)**

**502 KAR 45:005. Definitions.**

RELATES TO: KRS 16.040, 16.050

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 16.040, 16.050, 16.080

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 16.040 requires the Commissioner of State Police to prescribe minimum physical requirements for persons appointed as state police officers, and to conduct tests to determine the fitness and qualifications of applicants. KRS 16.080 authorizes the commissioner to adopt administrative regulations for the enlistment of officers. KRS 16.050 requires the State Police Personnel Board to adopt administrative regulations to provide for competitive examination as to the fitness of applicants for employment as officers, and for the establishment of eligible lists for employment based upon competitive examination. This administrative regulation establishes the definitions to be used in the administrative regulations concerning the selection process for trooper cadets.

Section 1. Definitions.

- (1) "Applicant" means a fully-qualified person as contemplated in KRS 16.040 who submits an employment application for the position of cadet trooper and who participates in the selection process.
- (2) "Appointment" means selection by the commissioner of a cadet trooper for employment as an officer, upon successful completion of basic training at the Kentucky State Police Academy.
- (3) "Aptitude examination" means an assessment of the cognitive abilities used to determine if applicants can successfully perform the essential job tasks of a Kentucky State Police Trooper.
- (4) "Cadet trooper" means an applicant for employment as an officer who is selected by the commissioner to attend the Kentucky State Police Academy and conditionally employed as a trainee.
- (5) "Candidate" means an applicant for employment who has successfully completed all phases of the selection process and whose name has been placed on the register.
- (6) "Immediate family" means the parents, step-parents, siblings, step-siblings, aunts, or uncles of an applicant for employment.
- (7) "Law Enforcement Accelerated Program" or "LEAP" means the accelerated training program reserved for applicants who are current officers who have at least two (2) years of Kentucky Police Officer Professional Standards (POPS) certified law enforcement experience.
- (8) "Physical Fitness Test" or "PFT" means a series of physical fitness tests used to determine if applicants can perform the essential job tasks required during basic training at the Kentucky State Police Academy.
- (9) "Register" means the list of persons eligible for selection as a cadet trooper.
- (10) "Trooper Applicant Points System" or "TAPS" means a calculated point system that may be based upon the educational, military, and law enforcement experience of an applicant or graduation from the Kentucky State Police Apprenticeship program.

*COL. PHILLIP J. BURNETT, JR., Commissioner*

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**PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD:** A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on 2:00 p.m. on November 23, 2021 at 4449 Kit Carson Drive, Funderburk Building, Richmond, Kentucky 40475. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through 11:59 p.m. on November 30, 2021. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person below.

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