

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Connecticut Police Academy

GENERAL NOTICE 22-03

To: Chief Law Enforcement Officers
Training Officers
Protective Services
Resident Troopers

From: Karen Boisvert 
Academy Administrator

Date: March 31, 2022

Subject: ARIDE Recertification Training Requirement
Clarification Advisory, and
NEW POSTC 50-ARIDE form

On January 1, 2022, and going forward, any officer designated as a Probationary Police Officer according to POSTC regulation and POSTC data base, will be required to attend a one-time ***Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement*** (ARIDE) training prior to their first three-year recertification date.

A Probationary Police Officer designation according to POSTC regulation means any officer who has not attained a police officer certification to act alone and may not have contact with citizens unless such probationary candidates are accompanied by, and working in concert with, a currently certified law enforcement officer (FTO).

In other words, the new ARIDE law **only** applies to any officer who was on FTO or in a Basic Recruit Training Program as of January 1, 2022. Any officer who completed all basic training requirements and their FTO period prior to January 1, 2022, is **not required** to attend this one-time ARIDE training to recertify at the completion of their 3-year review period.

Training Officers can easily identify officers required to attend ARIDE because their FTEP-4A, Certification of Field Training Requirement Completion form will show a completed date on/after January 1, 2022.

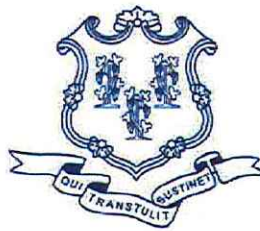
To simplify this one-time ARIDE requirement we have developed a **POSTC – 50 ARIDE** form that must be completed and returned to our Certification Division. All officers mandated by this law receive this form upon completion of all basic training requirements in a congratulatory letter (reminding them of this requirement). Samples of the letter and form are attached.

Comparative Certifications: It should be noted this law may also apply to any comparative certification who was unable to complete POSTC mandated training as of January 1, 2022, and going forward. This requirement will be stated in their training program requirements approved by POSTC.

Laterals: This one-time ARIDE does not apply to a lateral transfer **UNLESS** the lateral transfer is a new officer who transfers to another law enforcement agency prior to recertifying for their first 3-year review period and did not attend ARIDE.

Questions or comments may be directed to my attention either by e-mail Karen.boisvert@ct.gov or phone 203-427-2601.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Connecticut Police Academy

March 30, 2022

Name
Police Department
Address
State

Dear Officer:

SUBJECT: Police Officer Certification, Obligations Under State Statutes
Sections 7-294d, e Connecticut General Statutes

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your completion of the Basic Recruit Training Program of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council. I personally wish you a long, healthy, and rewarding career in law enforcement.

According to your training obligations under State Statute, you have completed all of your Basic Training obligations. Your date of completion of these obligations constitutes the date of your Certification as a Police Officer in the State of Connecticut. You have also been issued a Certification card which attests to your legal status as a police officer. It bears an individual number identifying you, but it is owned by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council. You are responsible for its loss.

Having achieved your status as a Certified Police Officer, you are now obligated to comply with Section 7-294d(a)(8) CGS; and complete at least sixty (60) hours of Certified Review Training every three years in order to lawfully maintain your Certification, your appointment, and your position as a police officer. The specific areas in which you must receive Review Training are known to your agency's Training Supervisor and training will likely be available to you through your Agency. However, the statutes place the obligation to complete that training on you as the individual police officer, so you are hereby advised of that duty. **DO NOT LET YOUR CERTIFICATION EXPIRE**; in doing so you will forfeit your police certification. If you should find yourself unable to comply with your statutory obligations, you must apply, through your agency's Chief Executive Officer, to the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, for an extension of your time period. Extensions are not granted without good cause however, so do not assume you will get one.

Additionally, in accordance with Public Act 21 – 1, you are required to attend **Advanced Roadside Impaired**

Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training prior to being recertified for the first time upon completion of the Basic Recruit Training Program. Upcoming ARIDE training dates will be made available and posted to our webpage under the Field Services Division link <https://portal.ct.gov/POST/Field-Services/Field-Services>.

To simplify this one-time ARIDE requirement and to ensure you are in compliance with the law, we have developed the attached **POSTC – 50 ARIDE** form that must be completed and returned to our Certification Division once you have completed ARIDE training.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter please feel free to contact me karen.boisvert@ct.gov or (203) 427 – 2601 (email is the preferred method of correspondence).

Again, my congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Karen Boisvert
Police Academy Administrator

Cc: Chief Executive Officer

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