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## DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING

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### GENERAL NOTICE 25 – 05

To: Chief Law Enforcement Officers

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Date: March 21, 2025

Subject: **Further waiver of citizenship requirement**

Pursuant to Section 7-294e-16(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, “[t]he Police Officer Standards and Training Council requires, as a condition of appointment to a position of probationary candidate in a law enforcement unit in the State of Connecticut, that the candidate be a citizen of the United States of America.” POSTC has authority to waive regulations pursuant to General Statutes § 7-294d(a)(20).

In its special meeting on November 19, 2020, POSTC partially waived the citizenship requirement and extended eligibility for appointment to a position of probationary candidate in a law enforcement unit in Connecticut to **permanent legal residents**. This waiver is reflected in the POSTC-51 form, which must be completed and submitted to POST before an appointed police officer enters a POSTC Academy for required training and eventual certification.

In its meeting on March 13, 2025, pursuant to the same authority, POSTC further waived the citizenship requirement and extended eligibility for appointment to a position of probationary candidate in a law enforcement unit in Connecticut to **recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)** in addition to permanent legal residents.

The POSTC-51 form has been updated to reflect this change. The updated POSTC-51 Form can be found [here](#).

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