

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

### 13:1-8.1 Certification Required Prior to Acceptance of Trainees into a Basic Course

(a) Prior to the acceptance of a trainee into a basic course, the chief police officer or chief executive officer of the employing law enforcement agency shall certify by completing a trainee record card issued by the Commission that:

1. With respect to police officers as defined by this chapter, the appointing authority has complied with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:17B-68.1 and 69 and 18A:6-4.4 including, but not limited to, the following:

- i. The individual has received a probationary appointment; and
- ii. The individual has been granted a leave of absence with pay during the period of the police training course;

2. With respect to special law enforcement officers, the local unit has complied with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.8 et seq. concerning the appointment of the individual;

3. The employing law enforcement agency has fingerprinted the individual and sent copies of the fingerprints to the Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in order to ascertain whether the individual has been convicted of an offense which would disqualify him or her from appointment as a police officer. The results obtained from the Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be made known to the appointing authority;

4. The employing law enforcement agency has conducted a pre-employment or background investigation of the individual to ascertain his or her character, fitness and eligibility to be permanently appointed as a police officer. The results of the pre-employment or background investigation shall be made known to the appointing authority;

5. The individual has undergone a medical examination by a licensed physician to determine if the individual is medically fit to undergo training. The physician shall state, on a form prescribed by the Commission(PTC 8), whether the individual is medically fit to undergo the training for which the individual is enrolled.