

**12 NCAC 09B .0305 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION**

(a) An applicant meeting the requirements for Specialized Instructor Certification as set forth in Rule .0304 of this Section shall be issued a certification to expire three years from the date of issuance. The applicant shall apply for certification as a Specialized Instructor within 60 days after the date the applicant achieved a passing score on the state comprehensive exam for the respective Specialized Instructor training course.

(b) Where certification for both General Probationary Instructor as set forth in Rule .0303 of this Section and Specialized Instructor Certification are issued on the same date, the instructor is required to instruct, within three years after certification, a minimum of 12 hours in each of the topics for which Specialized Instructor Certification was granted, and that instruction was provided in a Commission-accredited basic training, Specialized Instructor Training, Commission-recognized in-service training course, or training course delivered pursuant to 12 NCAC 10B .0601, .1302, or .2005. The instructor may satisfy the teaching requirement for the General Probationary Instructor certification by teaching any specialized topic for which certification has been issued.

(c) When Specialized Instructor Certification is issued during an existing period of General Probationary Instructor Certification, the specialized instructor may satisfy the teaching requirement for the General Probationary Certification by teaching the specialized subject for which certification has been issued.

(d) The term of certification as a specialized instructor shall be three years. An application for renewal shall contain, in addition to the requirements listed in Rule .0304 of this Section, documentary evidence that the applicant has remained active in the instructional process during the previous three-year period. Such documentary evidence shall include the following:

- (1) proof that the applicant has, within the three-year period preceding application for renewal, instructed at least 12 hours in each of the topics for which Specialized Instructor Certification was granted, and that instruction was provided in a Commission-accredited basic training, Specialized Instructor Training, Commission-recognized in-service training course, or training course delivered pursuant to 12 NCAC 10B .0601, .1302, or .2005. Acceptable documentary evidence shall include official Commission records submitted by School Directors or In-Service Training Coordinators and written certification from a School Director or In-Service Training Coordinator;
- (2) proof that the applicant has, within the three-year period preceding application for renewal, attended and completed all instructor updates that have been issued by the Commission. Acceptable documentary evidence shall include official Commission records submitted by School Directors or In-Service Training Coordinators, or copies of certificates of completion issued by the institution which provided the instructor updates; and
  - (A) a favorable written recommendation from a School Director or In-Service Training Coordinator completed on a Commission Application for Instructor and Professional Lecturer Certification Form (Form F-12) stating the instructor taught at least 12 hours in each of the topics for which Specialized Instructor Certification was granted. The teaching shall have been provided in a Commission-accredited basic training, Specialized Instructor Training course, pursuant to Rule 12 NCAC 09C .0401, Commission-recognized in-service training course, or training course delivered pursuant to 12 NCAC 09F .0101, 12 NCAC 09H, 12 NCAC 10B .0601, .1302, or .2005;
  - (B) a favorable written evaluation by a School Director, Qualified Assistant, In-Service Training Coordinator, or another Specialized Instructor certified in the same specialized subject, based on an on-site classroom evaluation of a presentation by the instructor in a Commission-accredited basic training, Specialized Instructor Training, Commission-recognized in-service training course, or in-service training course delivered pursuant to 12 NCAC 10B .0601, .1302, or .2005 during the three-year period of Specialized Instructor Certification. Such evaluation shall be certified on a Criminal Justice Instructor Evaluation Form F-16, located on the agency's website: <http://www.ncdoj.gov/getdoc/c2eba6aa-12bc-4303-bf4b-5fa0431ef5a1/F-16-6-11.aspx>;
  - (C) proof that the applicant has met the requirement set forth in Rule .0303(d) of this Section;
  - (D) proof that the individual applying for renewal as a Specialized Firearms Instructor has achieved a minimum score of 92 on the day and night Basic Law Enforcement Training firearms qualification courses, administered by a certified Specialized Firearms Instructor, within the three-year period preceding the application for renewal;
  - (E) proof that the individual applying for renewal as a Specialized Physical Fitness Instructor has passed the Basic Law Enforcement Training Police Officer Physical Abilities Test,

administered by a certified Specialized Physical Fitness Instructor, within the three-year period preceding the application for renewal.

- (F) proof that the individual applying for renewal as a Specialized Driver Instructor has achieved the following minimum scores in accordance with the procedural and evaluative requirements listed in the "Course Description Packet (CDP) for Driver Instructor Certification Renewal" as published by the North Carolina Justice Academy within the three-year period preceding the application for renewal. The individual applying for renewal must achieve a minimum score of 85 on two out of three attempts for the "Off-Set Lane Maneuver" and "Serpentine" courses during the daytime, a minimum score of 85 on two out of three attempts for the "Precision" course during both day and night evaluation, a score of "Pass" on two out of three attempts for each command for the "Evasive Action/Maneuver" course during the daytime, and a score of Pass on two out of three attempts in each direction for the "Fixed Radius Curve" course during the daytime. Evaluations will be administered by a certified Specialized Driving Instructor.
- (G) proof that the individual applying for renewal as a Specialized Subject Control Arrest Techniques Instructor has satisfactorily completed the technique evaluations skills of the Basic Law Enforcement Training SCAT courses, administered by a certified Specialized SCAT Instructor, within the three-year period preceding the application for renewal.

(e) Certification as a Specialized Instructor in the First Responder, Physical Fitness, Explosive and Hazardous Materials, and Juvenile Justice Medical Emergencies topic areas as outlined in Rule .0304(d)(1), (g)(2), (i)(1), and (j)(1) of this Section shall remain in effect for 36 months from the date of issuance. During the 36 month term all non-Commission certificates required in Rule .0304(d)(1), (g)(2), (i)(1), and (j)(1) for Specialized Instructor certification in the First Responder, Physical Fitness, Explosive and Hazardous Materials, and Juvenile Justice Medical Emergencies topical areas shall be maintained.

(f) Those individuals who have previously held Specialized Instructor Certification and have not exceeded a three year time period from when his or her Specialized Instructor Certification expired are eligible to reapply for re-issuance of the previously held Specialized Instructor Certification. An application for re-issuance shall contain documentation that the applicant:

- (1) holds a current General Instructor certification;
- (2) has completed all pre-qualification requirements for that specialty;
- (3) has passed the state examination for that specialty with a minimum score of 75;
- (4) has completed eight hours of evaluated instruction in the specialty where re-issuance of certification is taught, as documented on an F-16 located on the agency's website: <https://ncdoj.gov/law-enforcement-training/criminal-justice/forms-and-publications/>. The eight hours of instruction shall be taught within 60 days of the Specialized Instructor Certification being reissued and evaluated by a Specialized Instructor certified in that specialty. Failure to complete the required eight hours of evaluated instruction will result in the reissued Specialized Instructor Certification being revoked; and
- (5) has maintained non-Commission certificates required in Rule .0304(d)(1), (g)(2), (i)(1), and (j)(1) for Specialized Instructor certification in the First Responder, Physical Fitness, Explosive and Hazardous Materials, and Juvenile Justice Medical Emergencies topical areas.

(g) Applicants for re-issuance of the Specialized Instructor Certification shall have one opportunity to pass the prequalification skills assessment and the state examination for that specialty. Should an applicant not achieve a passing score on either the prequalification skills assessment or the state examination for that specialty, the applicant shall complete the specific Specialized Instructor Course in its entirety.

(h) Applicants whose Specialized Instructor Certification is suspended or revoked shall not qualify for re-issuance. The applicant shall complete the specific Specialized Instructor Course in its entirety.

(i) The use of guest participants in a delivery of the "Basic Law Enforcement Training Course" shall be permissible. However, such guest participants are subject to the on-site supervision of a Commission-certified instructor and shall be authorized by the School Director. A guest participant shall be used only to complement the primary certified instructor of the block of instruction and shall not replace the primary instructor.

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