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Subject: **POST Revises the *Background Investigation Manual: Guidelines for the Investigator***

The 2018 [Background Investigation Manual: Guidelines for the Investigator](#) is now available on the POST website. Since the Manual's last revision in 2013, there have been several changes to POST regulations, state and federal laws that impact both peace officer and public safety dispatcher background investigations. Those changes are reflected throughout the Manual. Specific revisions include:

- updating Chapters 3 and 4 with changes to relevant laws and regulations
- updating the cybervetting section in Chapter 4
- revising subsequent chapters to reflect procedural changes associated with new laws and regulations
- removing references to old regulations
- modifying/updating referenced resources (i.e. DMV checks, military registration)
- modifying sample forms – (i.e. releases/waivers)
- adding a sample neighborhood check interview questionnaire
- relocating the sample waivers, advisements, questionnaires, and forms to the appendices

Concurrent with the Manual revision, the background tabs have been updated. The revised tabs can be downloaded from the [POST website](#) or ordered directly from the FedEx [DocStore](#). The POST Personal History Statements were revised earlier this year. Information regarding the PHS revisions can be found in [Bulletin 2018-02](#).

Please direct questions regarding the POST *Background Investigation Manual* to Melani Singley, Personnel Selection Consultant, by phone at (916) 227-4258 or by email at melani.singley@post.ca.gov or to your [Regional Consultant](#).

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