



Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training

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Subject: **Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action – Amend Commission Regulation 1052 Requirements for Course Certification**

At the June 21, 2018 meeting, the Commission approved amendments to Regulation 1052, Requirements for Course Certification.

The amended language will streamline the course certification process, allow for a greater variety of courses to be certified, provide a tailored approach to learning in the classroom, and clarify presenter responsibilities for instructor and student safety

The attached notice includes the proposed changes, an invitation for written input on this proposal, the deadline for written comments, and information about requesting a public hearing. The following related information is available on the [POST Website](#).

- POST Bulletin and Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action
- Text of Proposed Regulatory Action
- Initial Statement of Reasons

Questions regarding this proposed regulatory action may be directed to [Janna Munk](#) or [David Cheng](#), Commission on POST, 860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605-1630, by phone at (916) 227-4829 or (916) 227-4855. General questions regarding the regulatory process may be directed to [Heidi Hernandez](#) at (916) 227-2802.

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Attachment: Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION

Amend Commission Regulation 1052

Notice is hereby given that the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) proposes to amend regulations in Division 2 of Title 11 of the California Code of Regulations as described below in the Informative Digest. A public hearing is not scheduled. Pursuant to Government Code §11346.8, any interested person, or his/her duly authorized representative, may request a public hearing. POST must receive the written request no later than 15 days prior to the close of the public comment period.

Public Comments Due by November 13, 2018.

Notice is also given that any interested person, or authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action by fax at (916) 227-4011 or by letter to:

Commission on POST
Attn: David Cheng
860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100
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Authority and Reference

This proposal is made pursuant to the authority vested by Penal Code §13503 (authority of Commission on POST) and Penal Code §13506 (POST authority to adopt regulations). This proposal is intended to interpret, implement, and make specific Penal Code §13503(e) which authorizes POST to develop and implement programs to increase the effectiveness of law enforcement, including programs involving training and education courses.

Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview

In the spring of 2017, an internet survey and a series of workshops involving stakeholders was conducted to identify concerns with the POST course certification process. The survey and subsequent workshops examined the course certification process in depth and found it to be unnecessarily detailed and rigid. It was determined that changes to the process would;

- reduce the amount of time it took to certify a course
- expand the types of certified professional training available to California law enforcement
- provide flexibility to deliver adult centered learning
- clarify presenters' responsibilities for student and instructor safety

In June of 2017, the Commission approved POST to conduct a 1-year Course Certification Pilot. The pilot incorporated recommended changes into the certification process and allowed volunteer participants to certify courses with the new process. After receiving certification of a course in the pilot program, the presenter completed a survey designed to measure "customer satisfaction" with the recommended changes. The survey results uniformly reflected a positive experience with the pilot. Participants experienced a significant reduction in the amount of time and work required to certify a course and the ability to certify courses previously excluded from certification. They expressed satisfaction with the reduced criteria for the hourly distribution schedules and the new certification types, Certification I and Certification II. Certification II provided the opportunity to use learning objectives and minimum topics in the expanded course outlines (ECO) instead of the traditional ECO to the third level of detail. The use of learning objectives and the reduced hourly criteria caused participants to comment on the flexibility this would provide them to focus on adult centered learning in the classroom.

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In addition to the above-mentioned changes, a safety attestation was developed to clarify presenters' responsibilities regarding student and instructor safety in courses that require manipulative skills. The attestation is to be submitted in addition to a safety policy as part of the course certification process.

The proposed amendments to Regulation 1052 reflect the Course Certification Pilot Program process becoming the standardized course certification method for every course except the basic course.

The specific benefits anticipated by the proposed amendments to the regulations will be shorter course certification times, certified professional training credit available for courses previously excluded, a tailored approach to learning in the classroom, clarified presenter responsibilities for instructor and student safety, and the continued delivery of a high standard of training. These benefits will contribute to the increased effectiveness of law enforcement standards for peace officers in preserving peace, protection of public health and safety, and welfare of California,

During the process of developing these regulations and amendments, POST has conducted a search of any similar regulations on this topic and has concluded that these regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

Adoption of Proposed Regulations

Following the public comment period, the Commission may adopt the proposal substantially as set forth without further notice, or the Commission may modify the proposal if such modifications remain sufficiently related to the text as described in the Informative Digest. If the Commission makes changes to the language before the date of adoption, the text of any modified language, clearly indicated, will be made available at least 15 days before adoption to all persons whose comments were received by POST during the public comment period and to all persons who request notification from POST of the availability of such changes. A request for the modified text should be addressed to the agency official designated in this notice. The Commission will accept written comments on the modified text for 15 days after the date that the revised text is made available.

Estimate of Economic Impact

Fiscal impact on Public Agencies including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None

Non-Discretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None

Local Mandate: None

Costs to any Local Agency or School District Affecting Government Code § 17500-17630 requires reimbursement: None

Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting California Businesses, including Small Business: The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training has made an initial determination that the amended regulations will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting California businesses, including the ability to compete with businesses in other states. The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training has found that the proposed amendments will not affect California businesses, including small businesses, because

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the Commission sets selection and training standards for law enforcement which does not impact California businesses, including small businesses.

Cost Impacts on Representative Private Persons or Businesses: The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Affect on Housing Costs: The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training has made an initial determination that the proposed regulations would have no affect on housing costs.

Results of Economic Impact Assessment per Government Code § 11346.3(b)

The adoption of the proposed amendments of regulations will neither create, nor eliminate, jobs in the State of California, nor result in the elimination of existing businesses or create, or expand, businesses in the State of California.

The proposed amendments of the regulations will increase the effectiveness of law enforcement standards for peace officers in preserving peace, protection of public health and safety, and welfare of California. Additionally, the proposed amendments make the regulations compliant with Penal Code § 13515.29 and § 13515.295. There would be no impact that would affect worker safety or the state's environment.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Persons or Businesses

The Commission is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Consideration of Alternatives

To take this action, the Commission must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the Commission, or otherwise identified and brought to the Commission, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed; or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law than the proposed action.

Contact Person

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Text of Proposal

Individuals may request copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations and of the initial statement of reasons, and the information the proposal is based upon, from the Commission on POST at 860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605-1630. These documents are also located on the [POST Website](#).

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Availability and Location of the Rulemaking File and the Final Statement of Reasons

The rulemaking file contains all information upon which POST is basing this proposal and is available for public inspection by contacting the person(s) named above.

To request a copy of the Final Statement of Reasons once it has been prepared, submit a written request to the contact person(s) named above.