

(MILITARY PERSONNEL)

TEST REQUIREMENTS

YOU MUST PASS A WRITTEN EXAMINATION.

The City of Philadelphia has the following General Requirements to become a Police Recruit.

1. *You must have reached your 19th, but not have reached your 40th birthday by your date of appointment. The date of appointment is the date on which a person actually enters the Police Academy for training.*
2. *You must have a high school diploma or G.E.D.*
3. ***The Civil Service Commission has waived the usual requirement that candidates must be residents of the City of Philadelphia for one year prior to date of appointment. Establishment of residency will be required of each non-resident hired not later than six (6) months after completion of the probationary period.***
4. *You must have a valid driver's license prior to being hired.*
5. *You must pass a medical examination, and drug screening.*
6. *You must pass a psychological evaluation.*
7. *You must pass an extensive background investigation.*
8. *You must be willing to work rotating shifts, carry firearms and work in dangerous situations.*

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BECOME A PHILADELPHIA POLICE OFFICER

It takes a special kind of person to meet the challenges of doing a tough job well. Police Officer is a career with promotional opportunity and job security. It offers personal satisfaction, the rewards of community service, professional development, and much more.

You will receive classroom instruction and hands-on training at the Police Academy as a Police Officer Recruit. Upon successful completion of the Police Academy's requirements, you will be sworn as a Philadelphia Police Officer, and you will serve a probationary period.

An excellent fringe benefit package includes paid medical, prescription, dental, legal, and life insurance plans. This is an opportunity, which is difficult to match.

Michael A. Nutter -- Mayor

Dr. Camille Barnett -- Managing Director

Charles H. Ramsey -- Police Commissioner

Tanya D. Smith -- Personnel Director

APPLICATIONS

Police Officer Recruit applications will be processed during the open application period, traditionally several weeks prior to the date scheduled for the examination. You will be notified by mail of the location, date and time of the entrance examination.

The City of Philadelphia will require that applicants for open competitive examinations for Civil Service positions submit an **application fee of \$35.00**, via check or money order, to cover the cost of processing the application. The fee will be **waived for applicants who can demonstrate financial need.** Any application received without the fee will be rejected and the applicant will not be permitted to compete in the examination.

*Applications can be obtained at the following locations: the **Personnel Department's Application Center in the Concourse of the Municipal Services Building (MSB), 1401 JFK Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19102, at your local Police District or the Police Recruitment Unit, 2201 W. Hunting Park Ave., 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19140.***

The Personnel Department's Application Center is open each weekday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

If you have any questions about becoming a Philadelphia Police Officer, please contact the Police Department Recruitment Unit; the telephone numbers are:

(215) 683-COPS

(215) 685-3026

(215) 685-3027

(215) 685-3028

FAX #:

(215) 685-3029

VETERANS' PREFERENCE – *In order to receive veterans' preference, you must attach a copy of your DD-214 (member 4) to your application. Applicants with approved veterans' preference, who pass the testing process, will have ten points added to their score.*

SALARY

*The current yearly salary for a Police Officer Recruit while in the Police Academy is **\$38,481.00 yearly (1,474.37 biweekly).** A Police Officer's current starting salary is **\$41,151.00 yearly (\$1,576.67 biweekly)** and increases to a present maximum of **\$53,444.00 a year (\$2,047.66 biweekly).** Overtime is paid at the level of time and a half.*

- The City of Philadelphia is an Equal Opportunity Employer -

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Requires all Police Recruit Applicants within the Commonwealth to pass a pre-employment physical fitness test and a reading comprehension exam in order to qualify for the position of Police Recruit.

These tests are administered by the City of Philadelphia's Personnel Department.

For entrance to the Police Academy candidates must meet the standards determined by the Cooper Institute for Aerobics Research performing at the 30th percentile. The test includes the 1.5 mile run, sit-ups (within 1 minute), bench press and the 300-meter run.

The following are the standards for male and female applicants.

STANDARDS FOR MALE APPLICANTS

1.5 MILE RUN: Age 20-29 Minimum time 13:22, Age 30-39 Minimum time 14:08

SIT-UPS within 1 minute: Age 20-29 Minimum 35, Age 30-39 Minimum 32

BENCH PRESS: Age 20-29 Minimum 0.93 of body weight, Age 30-39 Minimum 0.83 of body weight.

300 METER RUN: Age 20-29 Minimum 62.1 seconds, Age 30-39 Minimum 63 seconds.

STANDARDS FOR FEMALE APPLICANTS

1.5 MILE RUN: Age 20-29 Minimum time 15:57, Age 30-39 Minimum time 16:35

SIT-UPS within 1 minute: Age 20-29 Minimum 29.5, Age 30-39 Minimum 22

BENCH PRESS: Age 20-29 Minimum 0.56 of body weight, Age 30-39 Minimum 0.51 of body weight.

300 METER RUN: Age 20-29 Minimum 75 seconds, Age 30-39 Minimum 82 seconds.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania also requires that all Police Recruits be able to read at no less than the ninth grade level, as established through the administration of the Nelson-Denny Reading Test.