

Military Reciprocity Responses by State

Please note that the comments that follow were taken from email responses and I hope that they adequately reflect that state's process. If you have any directed questions, please contact that state's POST program. CB

Alaska – State looks at request that comes in on its own merit.

Florida - an Equivalency of Training (EOT) process for Military and officers certified in other states. If individuals meet the qualifying standards for the EOT they must demonstrate proficiency in the high liability areas of firearms; vehicle operations; defensive tactics and medical first responder.

Kentucky - The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council accepts such training, but only in very limited circumstances.

Michigan - will waive the 2-year college degree (minimum) for pre-service recruits if they have had 2080 hours of service as a military police officer and served satisfactorily. They are not waived from the basic police academy training requirements or other standards.

Minnesota - allows reciprocity for military police that parallels our regular reciprocity procedure. The basic requirement is: 5 years experience as an MP or equivalent (such as SP, SJ, etc. or Coast Guard) PLUS and honorable discharge. This must be evidenced by a DD-214 that shows the MOS and the discharge (hence, active military police cannot apply until discharged.) Recently this rule was amended to more closely follow our standard reciprocity by shortening the 5 years to 3 years if the individual possesses a post-secondary degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

Missouri - will recognize a portion of the MP training as part of our Veteran Peace Officer Application. Will give “point credit” to the MP training that is similar to our mandatory basic training curriculum.

Montana - 2007 Legislature added “military police” as a category for equivalency program/review. Look at the individual position held by the officer and the training that was given to the officer since there is many different types of “military police.”

Virginia - accepted the military police training to a point.

Wisconsin - consider individuals with prior military police training and experience on a case-by-case basis to determine if they should be allowed to go through our reciprocity process (testing), or if they should be required to complete Wisconsin's 520-hour basic law enforcement training academy. If the training and experience in the military is similar to that of a Wisconsin law enforcement officer, will recommend in favor of a waiver and allow the applicant to complete our reciprocity examination.

Wyoming - will only consider a military basic if it is a military police basic and the basic course is comparable to the WY peace officer basic training during the same time frame.

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