

**RULES
OF
THE TENNESSEE PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS
AND TRAINING COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 1110-10
FIREARM CERTIFICATION FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

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1110-10-.01 RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER LEOSA CERTIFICATION APPLICATIONS.

- (1) A retired certified full-time law enforcement officer seeking a Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act ("LEOSA") certification to carry a concealed firearm pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 38-8-116 and 38-8-123, and 18 U.S.C. § 926C, if applicable, shall submit to the Commission an initial application and proof of compliance with all statutory requirements including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (a) A signed letter from the chief law enforcement officer of the officer's former law enforcement agency stating that the officer retired or separated in good standing with ten (10) years or more of aggregate law enforcement experience;
 - (b) Copy of a photographic identification issued by the law enforcement agency from which the officer retired or separated from service as a law enforcement officer that identifies the person as having been employed full-time as a law enforcement officer;
 - (c) Proof signed by a current certified firearms instructor or an instructor at TLETA that the officer met the annual training and qualification standards for active law enforcement officers to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed weapon the officer intends to carry;
 - (d) Copy of prior certification as a full-time law enforcement officer;
 - (e) Copy of a current criminal history background report from the TBI and FBI;
 - (f) Proof of compliance with the requirements of T.C.A. § 4-58-103; and
 - (g) An annual certification fee of ten dollars (\$10).
- (2) A LEOSA certification issued by the Commission shall expire one (1) year from the date the officer successfully met the annual training and qualification standards for active law enforcement officers to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed weapon.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 38-8-116 and 38-8-123. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed March 18, 2010; effective June 16, 2010. Amendments filed January 7, 2021; effective April 7, 2021.

1110-10-.02 PRIVATE FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION.

- (1) A person desiring to provide firearms training pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 38-8-116 and 38-8-123, shall obtain certification as a private firearms instructor by meeting the following requirements:

(Rule 1110-10-.02, continued)

(a) Requirements for Certification

1. An applicant shall have at least five (5) years of experience as a certified full-time law enforcement officer or an equivalent combination of education and experience as determined by the Commission;
2. An applicant shall successfully complete a forty (40) hour instructor development program and/or any equivalent combination of education and experience as determined by the Commission; and
3. An applicant shall have successfully completed a minimum of forty (40) hours of certified training in the specialized area having been approved by the Commission.
4. Any exceptions to the above requirements shall be approved by the Commission.

(b) Application for Certification

1. A person seeking certification shall submit an application for Private Firearms Instructor in such form as the Commission may require;
 2. An applicant shall submit a complete lesson plan in the specialized area;
 3. An applicant shall submit a Certificate of Completion of a forty (40) hour instructor development course;
 4. An applicant shall submit a Certificate of Training in the specialized area(s); and
 5. An applicant shall submit a certification fee of ten dollars (\$10).
- (2) Denial, suspension, or revocation of instructor certification may be considered by the Commission for the following reasons:
- (a) An instructor's employment is terminated for reason(s) detrimental to the law enforcement profession;
 - (b) An instructor fails to prepare properly and deliver adequate instruction; or
 - (c) An instructor falsified or omitted information required on an application for certification or on a supporting document.
- (3) An instructor's certification will automatically expire if the holder of the certification does not instruct within two (2) years.
- (4) Unless otherwise provided above, the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in T.C.A. §§ 4-5-301 to -502, governs all matters and procedures concerning the hearing and judicial review of any contested case for the suspension or revocation of an instructor certification.

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1110-10-.03 LEOSA CERTIFICATION FIRING RANGE RATE AND FEES.

- (1) A retired law enforcement officer seeking to obtain the annual training and qualification standards for active law enforcement officers to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed weapon from the Commission shall be required to pay the standard firing range tuition rate and fees charged by TLETA.

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