

**12 NCAC 09A .0204      SUSPENSION: REVOCATION: OR DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION**

(a) The Commission shall revoke the certification of a criminal justice officer when the Commission finds that the officer has committed, pursuant to 12 NCAC 09A .0103(6), or been convicted of:

- (1) a felony offense; or
- (2) a criminal offense for which the authorized punishment included imprisonment for more than two years.

(b) The Commission may suspend, revoke, or deny the certification of a criminal justice officer when the Commission finds that the applicant for certification or the certified officer:

- (1) has not completed the required basic training course in its entirety within prescribed time periods relevant or applicable to a specified position or job title, pursuant to 12 NCAC 09C .0303(d) and 09G .0304(a).
- (2) fails to meet or maintain one or more of the minimum employment standards required by 12 NCAC 09B .0100 for the category of the officer's certification or fails to meet or maintain one or more of the minimum training standards required by 12 NCAC 09B .0200 or 12 NCAC 09B .0400 for the category of the officer's certification;
- (3) has committed or been convicted of:
  - (A) a criminal offense or unlawful act defined in 12 NCAC 09A .0103(26)(b) as a Class B misdemeanor; or
  - (B) four or more criminal offenses or unlawful acts defined in 12 NCAC 09A .0103(26)(a) as a Class A misdemeanor, each of which occurred after the date of initial certification;
- (4) has been separated by a criminal justice agency for commission or conviction of a motor vehicle offense requiring the revocation of the officer's driver's license.
- (5) has been discharged by a criminal justice agency because the officer lacks the mental or physical capabilities to properly fulfill the responsibilities of a criminal justice officer;
- (6) has knowingly made a material misrepresentation, including knowingly providing false or omitting information, of any information required for certification or accreditation;
- (7) has knowingly and willfully, by any means of false pretense, deception, defraudation, misrepresentation, or cheating, obtained or attempted to obtain credit, training, or certification from the Commission;
- (8) has knowingly and willfully, by any means of false pretense, deception, defraudation, misrepresentation, or cheating, aided another person in obtaining or attempting to obtain credit, training, or certification from the Commission;
- (9) has failed to make either of the notifications as required by 12 NCAC 09B .0101(13);
- (10) has been removed from office by decree of the Superior Court in accord with the provisions of G.S. 128-16 or has been removed from office by sentence of the court in accord with the provisions of G.S. 14-230;
- (11) fails to satisfactorily complete the minimum in-service training requirements as prescribed in 12 NCAC 09E .0100;
- (12) has refused to submit to a drug screen as required by 12 NCAC 09C .0310 and 09G .0211;
- (13) has produced a positive result on a drug screen reported to the Commission as specified in 12 NCAC 09C .0310 or 09G .0211, where the positive result cannot be explained to the Commission's satisfaction;
- (14) has been denied certification or had certification suspended or revoked by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission, the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission; the North Carolina Company/Campus Police Program; or a similar North Carolina, out of state or federal approving, certifying or licensing agency;
- (15) has performed activities or duties for which certification by the Commission is required without having first obtained the appropriate certification; or
- (16) has been convicted of any offense proscribed by 18 USC 922(g)(8) that would prohibit possession of a firearm or ammunition;
- (17) has engaged in sexual activity, whether in uniform of the employing agency or out of uniform,
  - (A) while on duty;
  - (B) while on or off duty in a motor vehicle owned or under the control of a law enforcement agency;
  - (C) while on or off duty on the premises operated by the employing criminal justice agency;

- (D) while in uniform of the employing agency in a public place;
- (E) with an employee with whom the person had at the time supervisory responsibilities; or
- (F) with a student who at the time is enrolled in a Commission-approved course in which the officer is an instructor, qualified assistant, or school director.

For purposes of this subsection, sexual activity includes any act defined as a sexual act or sexual contact per G.S. 14-27.20 and includes vaginal intercourse; or

- (18) has been found to be untruthful during a criminal or internal formal investigation conducted by a law enforcement agency or during an investigation for a rules violation conducted by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Standards Division, North Carolina Sheriffs' Standards Division, or the North Carolina Company and Campus Police Administrator.

(c) Following suspension, revocation, or denial of the person's certification, the person may not remain employed or appointed as a criminal justice officer and the person may not exercise any authority of a criminal justice officer during a period for which the person's certification is suspended, revoked, or denied.

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