

RECIPROCITY EXAM BRIEFING

If an officer is eligible for reciprocity certification from another state or approved Vocational Technical program, he/she is required to pass the reciprocity exam with a 70 percent rate, along with completing certain portions of legal instruction and skills testing as determined by the Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission. This allows a certified officer from another state, hired by a South Dakota Law Enforcement agency, to become South Dakota certified without having to attend the full thirteen-week Basic Certification program. This recognizes their proficiencies, education and training previously received in other jurisdictions or Vocational Technical programs.

The Law Enforcement Training Reciprocity exam is comprised of 200 true/false and multiple-choice questions. These questions are derived from the pool of questions used from the Basic Certification program curriculum approved by the Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission. The pool of questions is audited each thirteen-week session and validated by their pass/fail rates.

Each student preparing for the exam is encouraged to study and/or review the online trainee guides. Student will only be allowed to use the South Dakota Criminal and Traffic Law Manual as a reference during the exam.

The exam will be administered online by Law Enforcement Training or proctored by a representative of Law Enforcement Training, a Division of Criminal Investigation Field Agent. Experience has shown that the exam will take between 2 and 6 hours, depending on the student's pace.