

## Rule 16 – Skills Examinations for Provisional and Renewal Applicants

~~Effective July 1, 2018~~ **Effective January 30, 2021**

- (a) To be eligible to take any of the skills examinations, an applicant must complete and submit **ALL APPLICABLE POST FORM(S) AS SET FORTH IN POST RULE, INCLUDING** POST Form 3 – *Application for Provisional Certification* **AND/or** POST Form 4 – *Application for Renewal of Basic Certification* along with a law enforcement agency check, ~~purchase order,~~ certified check, ~~or~~ money order, **OR ELECTRONIC PAYMENT** in the prescribed amount for each examination to be taken (prior to the day of the exam).
- (b) Refunds of skills examination fees shall be provided only if requested more than twenty (20) days prior to the scheduled examination, unless the examination is postponed or canceled, or under such other exceptional circumstances as may be determined by the Director.
- ~~(a) — Any applicant failing a skills examination may retake the examination, with the payment of an additional examination fee. If the retake of the skill(s) examination will be on an individual basis with an SME the skill(s) examination must be approved by POST prior to the individual test being administered (money received, and instructor confirmation). If the retake with an SME occurs prior to POST receiving payment for the skill(s) examination, certification will not be issued until POST has received payment. Any person failing any skill(s) examination three (3) times must successfully complete the skills training for that particular skill in a Colorado POST approved Basic or Reserve academy before he or she may be certified.~~

### **C. AN APPLICANT WILL BE PERMITTED THREE FORMAL ATTEMPTS TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE EACH SKILLS EXAM.**

- (1) ONLY SME MEMBERS, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, MAY CONDUCT SKILLS EXAMINATIONS.**
- (2) STARTING ANY SKILLS EXAM IS CONSIDERED ONE ATTEMPT.**
- (3) AN APPLICANT MAY ONLY COORDINATE ADDITIONAL ATTEMPTS WITH POST STAFF IN ADVANCE.**
- (4) PAYMENT FOR EACH ATTEMPT MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE EXAM.**

**(5) MULTIPLE ATTEMPTS MAY BE PERMITTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SME MEMBER ADMINISTERING THE TEST OUT. POST MAY OR MAY NOT ASSESS AN ADDITIONAL EXAM FEE.**

- (d) If an applicant has failed a skills examination on three (3) ~~consecutive~~ **FORMAL** attempts, the applicant then has two (2) years to complete the **BASIC ACADEMY TRAINING PROGRAM** training for that skill at a Colorado POST-approved basic or reserve academy **AT THE DISCRETION OF THE ACADEMY DIRECTOR AND IN COORDINATION WITH POST**. If the applicant does not complete the required training within the two (2) years following their last skills examination attempt, they must **COMPLETE A FULL BASIC ACADEMY**. ~~reapply as a new applicant and must be eligible under Rule 11 (Provisional Certification) or Rule 13 (Renewal of Basic Certification) at the time the new application is submitted.~~
- (e) Skills examination scores are valid for two (2) years from the date of the last registered score with POST. **ALL SKILLS EXAMS MUST BE TAKEN AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE INITIAL APPLICATION DATE.** ~~If an applicant does not complete the renewal or provisional certification process within two (2) years of taking the skill(s) examination, they must attend and successfully pass another skill(s) examination.~~
- (f) Any protest or challenge to an examination or its administration must be made in writing within ten (10) days of the examination. The Director shall issue ~~his~~ **A** decision in writing within twenty (20) working days. The decision of the Director shall be final, unless appealed to the Board in accordance with Rule **5(C)** ~~3(b)~~.