

Pathway for POST Certified Applicants

- Meet minimum qualifications for employment
 - Associate's degree from an accredited college, technical college or university
OR
 - Completion of equivalent coursework (90 quarter hours or 60 semester hours) from an accredited college or university
OR
 - Veterans of the United States Military who have a minimum of 4 years of active-duty military service and have received an Honorable Discharge
 - NOTE: Certificates, completed diploma programs and/or accumulated hours from a technical college, without an Associate's degree, do not qualify.
 - NOTE: Veterans must submit a copy of their DD214 and show proof of a high school diploma or GED which is required for POST certification.
 - NOTE: Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and meet all requirements for POST certification.

- In addition to the above minimum qualifications:
 - Applicants who are POST Certified must provide a copy of their POST Certification Certificate when applying for a Game Warden position
 - Applicants who are POST Certified peace officers in any state other than Georgia, please call the GA DNR Law Enforcement Training Unit at (478) 993-4540 for information on the POST Equivalency of Training Program

- Meet legal requirements for employment
 - Be at least 21 years of age
 - Be a citizen of the United States
 - Be eligible to obtain a valid Georgia Driver's License at the time of appointment

- Successfully pass:
 - Physical Agility Test
 - Polygraph Exam
 - Board Interview
 - Medical Evaluation
 - Psychological Evaluation

- Once the candidate has been selected, the general training timeline for POST Certified new hires will be:
 - Hire Date: September 16
 - Begin 3 months of field training in the area of residence under a Field Training Officer (FTO)
 - First week of January: Begin 14-week Advanced Game Warden Academy at GPSTC
 - The Advanced Game Warden Academy provides the specific training needed to successfully carry out the duties of Game Warden, such as the enforcement of game and fish laws, boating laws, environmental laws, and woodland and water operations (including search & rescue)
 - Cadets will live on-site at GPSTC for all 14 weeks during the Advanced Game Warden Academy, but will be allowed to leave the facility on most weekends
 - After the cadet has successfully completed the Advanced Game Warden Academy, 1-3 months of field training continues in the area of assignment under a Field Training Officer (FTO)
 - When field training is successfully completed, the new Game Warden begins regular duties in the county of assignment

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