



## Ohio Administrative Code Rule 109:2-7-04 Qualifications for evaluators.

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(A) All persons conducting canine examinations shall be certified as a canine evaluator by the executive director.

(B) Each person seeking certification as a patrol-related canine evaluator shall provide the executive director documentation of the following criteria:

- (1) A minimum of five years experience as a fulltime law enforcement officer;
- (2) A minimum of three years experience as a patrol-related canine handler or trainer within the five year period immediately prior to the date of application for approval as a canine evaluator;
- (3) Completion of a patrol-related canine training program approved by the executive director;
- (4) Completion of the core course for evaluators as described in rule 109:2-7-02(B)(1) of the Administrative Code;
- (5) Completion of an evaluator course for patrol-related canine evaluators approved by the executive director.

(C) Each person seeking certification as a special purpose canine evaluator shall provide to the executive director documentation of the following criteria:

- (1) A minimum of five years experience as a fulltime law enforcement officer;
- (2) A minimum of three years experience as a special purpose canine handler or trainer within the five year period immediately prior to the date of application for approval as a canine evaluator;
- (3) Completion of a special purpose canine training program approved by the executive director;



(4) Completion of the core course for evaluators as described in rule 109:2-7-02(B)(1) of the Administrative Code;

(5) Completion of an evaluator course for special purpose canine evaluators approved by the executive director.

(D) The executive director shall issue a certificate to each person meeting certification requirements as a canine evaluator.

(1) Certification as an evaluator shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of issuance.

(2) At least sixty days, but no more than ninety days, before expiration of the certificate, the evaluator shall file with the executive director an application for renewal on a form provided by the executive director. Renewal shall be based upon the information indicated on the renewal form and shall be accompanied by:

(a) Documentation that the evaluator has conducted, within the three-year period, at least two separately-numbered examinations in each area for which the evaluator is approved for certification.

(b) Documentation of completion of eighteen hours of additional training in canine-related topics.

(E) Should the executive director refuse to issue or renew a request for certification, he shall comply with the provisions in rule 109:2-7-06 of the Administrative Code.

(F) Certification as an evaluator may be revoked by the executive director for submission of falsified records, conviction for a crime involving theft, fraud or deception, or for other just cause. Should a decision to revoke be rendered, the executive director shall comply with the provisions of rule 109:2-7-06 of the Administrative Code.