



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) Each person seeking certification as a crisis response canine evaluator shall provide to the executive director documentation of the following criteria:
 - (1) A minimum of five years' experience as a full-time law enforcement officer;



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- (2) A minimum of three years' experience as a crisis response 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 crisis response canine training program approved by the executive director;
 - (4) Completion of the core course for evaluators as described in paragraph (B)(1) of rule 109:2-7-02 of the Administrative Code;
 - (5) Completion of an evaluator course for crisis response canine evaluators approved by the executive director.
- (E) 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.
- (F) 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.
- (G) 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.