

Police Officer Minimum Eligibility Requirements



To be employed by the Hudson Police Department an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Be at least 21 years of age.
- 2) A United States citizen.
- 3) Have obtained a high school diploma or New Hampshire General Educational Development certificate (G.E.D), or another recognized G.E.D.
- 4) Must be able to pass an NCIC and fingerprint check.
- 5) Must be able to pass an intensive background investigation.
- 6) Never have had a felony conviction in any state or county or in the military service, which has not been pardoned.
- 7) Must not have multiple misdemeanor or violation convictions so as to indicate a disregard for the law.
- 8) Have a good driving record with no serious motor vehicle violations.
- 9) No misdemeanor conviction(s), which have not been pardoned, and which are serious enough to cast doubt on his/her fitness to be a police officer, or which resulted in serious bodily injury to another person.
- 10) Must not suffer from a serious mental disorder.
- 11) Must not have been dishonorably discharged from the military service.
- 12) Must not have been discharged under less than honorable conditions; further, the conditions cast doubt on his/her fitness to be a police officer.
- 13) Cannot knowingly make a material false statement in the application process.
- 14) Must not have been suspended or discharged by an employer for reasons, which would cast doubt on his or her fitness to be a police officer.

- 15) Must not use illegal drugs or have a past history of illegal drug use, which would cast doubt on his/her fitness to be a police officer.
- 16) Must not have a history of illegal drug use, or use legal drugs or alcohol to excess.
- 17) Must not have ever illegally manufactured, transported for sale, or sold a controlled substance.
- 18) Within 3 years of application, an applicant must not have illegally used a controlled substance other than marijuana, unless under the age of 21 at the time, in which case 2 years shall apply.
- 19) Must not have used marijuana within 1 year of application.
- 20) Must not have ever illegally used a controlled substance while employed in a law enforcement capacity.
- 21) Must not have been discharged or allowed to resign in lieu of discharge for reasons of moral character or moral turpitude for acts or omissions of conduct that would cause a reasonable person to doubt his/her honesty, integrity, etc.
- 22) Must be of good general character and reputation in the community.
- 23) Must not have had his/her police certification suspended or revoked in any jurisdiction.
- 24) Must pass an oral review board, a medical examination by a licensed physician who attests he/she is able to engage in a rigorous program of physical training, a clinical psychological examination, and a polygraph examination.
- 25) An applicant must pass the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council's pre-entrance physical ability test, in order to be admitted to the NH Police Training Academy.