



Police Officer in Training Written Examination FAQs

About the POST Multiple-Choice Written Exam

The POST written examination measures basic skills such as writing and reading comprehension. This exam is administered in a proctored, group setting with oral instructions. Approximately three weeks after the POST written exam is administered, successful applicants will receive notice regarding their scheduled Oral Interview Appointment.

To prepare for the POST written exam, please visit <http://passingthepost.com>.

Q: Will I be notified of my scheduled POST written test appointment?

A: Once your employment application has been reviewed, you will receive an electronic response confirming the date and time of the selected test OR an opportunity to register for a test date.

Q: How do I prepare for the POST written exam?

A: For information on how to prepare for the POST written exam, please download the applicant preparation guide from the following link <http://lib.post.ca.gov/Publications/poWrittenPracticeTest.pdf> or attend a preparation workshop. Check our workshops page to sign up for our POST test preparation workshop.

Q: What is the highest score attainable for the POST written exam?

A: The highest possible T-score is 77.8. For more information on how T-scores are calculated, please visit the POST website at <http://www.post.ca.gov>.

Q: What is the T-score?

A: T-scores are a method of statistically analyzing standardized tests and can be applied to the POST exam.

Q: What is the passing score?

A: The T-score necessary to advance in the hiring process is 45 or higher.

Q: What should I wear to the written exam?

A: You will not be evaluated on your appearance. However, it is suggested that you wear business attire or clothing that is neat, clean, and comfortable.

Q: When will I receive my written exam results?

A: Results are typically mailed to applicants within 3 weeks from the last scheduled exam. Please do not call the Recruiting Unit or the DHRM for your results unless you have not received your letter the week before the scheduled Oral Interviews identified at the written examination.

Q: I have previously taken the POST written exam and have a passing score, can I waive the written exam?

A: Applicants with a valid T-score of 45 or above must provide a letter, on agency letterhead, stating that individual has taken the POST test, date of the test AND T-score. Test dates older than one year will not be accepted. Your letter must be uploaded with your electronic application. Social Security numbers are required to confirm test scores with POST. Test scores and test dates will be verified with POST. Those candidates who are successful in waiving the written test will be notified and scheduled for the next step. Those who are not successful in waiving the examination will be notified and scheduled for the written exam.

Q: Once I have my POST T-Score, what is my next step?

A: To ensure a timely response and scheduling of the oral board interview upon verification of the T-score from POST, applicants must submit all of the required documents including:

- Supplemental Questionnaire/Market Survey
- Copy of the T-score letter on testing agency letterhead

Q: I took the POST test with another agency within the last 30 days. Can I re-take the POST test with your agency?

A: There is a 30-day waiting period required from POST before you can retake the POST written exam. Please note: if you try to take the written test POST will not score your test.

Q: Is there a waiting period before I can reapply?

A: There is a 30-day waiting period from the time you took the last recruitment activity (written exam, oral interview or physical ability test) before you can reapply.