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**LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**CHAPTER 1**

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## SUBCHAPTER 1. DEFINITIONS

**13:1-1.1 Definitions**

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

“Appointing authority” means a person or group of persons having the power of appointment to or removal from offices, positions or employment under the jurisdiction of the Police Training Commission.

“Basic Course” means an entry-level training course at a Commission-approved school designed for trainees who are required by law to be trained under Commission jurisdiction.

“Certification” means a written statement issued by the Commission attesting that a school or individual has complied with Commission requirements.

“Commission” means the Police Training Commission.

“Commission Chairman” means the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey or his or her designee.

“Commission staff” means those employees of the Division of Criminal Justice assigned by the Director to administer the Police Training Act.

“Curriculum” means a specific course or the aggregate of courses of study at a Commission-approved school.

“In-service course” means any Commission-approved course of study which a trainee shall attend after completion of the basic course.

“Institution of higher learning” means any college or university licensed by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education.

“Law enforcement agency” means any police force, corrections agency or juvenile justice agency functioning within this State whose employees come under the jurisdiction of the Commission and have by statute, ordinance or resolution the responsibility of detecting crime and apprehending offenders or enforcing the criminal or penal laws of this State or performing a custodial function for a juvenile justice agency.

“Medical examination” means a fitness evaluation of an individual by a licensed physician.

“Police instructor” means an individual who is employed as a police officer as defined in this subchapter and is certified by the Commission to teach at a Commission-approved school.

“Police officer” means any employee of a law enforcement agency, a correctional agency or a juvenile justice agency

who, by statute, comes under the jurisdiction of the Commission or any member of a fire department or force who is assigned to an arson investigation unit pursuant to Public Law 1981, Chapter 409.

“Range master” means an individual certified by the Commission and appointed by a school director to control and supervise all activities at a firearms range.

“School” means an institution approved by the Commission to provide basic and/or in-service courses of study.

“School director” means an individual designated as having the responsibility for the administrative and day-to-day operations of a Commission-approved school.

“Special instructor” means a civilian who is not employed as a police officer as defined in this subchapter and is certified by the Commission to teach in a Commission-approved school.

“Subject” means a component of a curriculum dealing with a specific matter.

“Trainee” means an individual attending a Commission-approved school.

Amended by R.1989 d.260, effective May 15, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 695(a), 21 N.J.R. 1365(a).

In “Appointing authority,” “In-service course,” and “Police officer,” added words to include “corrections officers” and “juvenile detention officers” as personnel.

In “Basic Course,” deleted “police” to describe training course.

In “Law enforcement agency,” added “corrections authority” and “or penal.”

Amended by R.1993 d.325, effective July 6, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 1336(a), 25 N.J.R. 2897(a).

Amended by R.1998 d.330, effective July 6, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1182(a), 30 N.J.R. 2506(a).

Deleted “Administrator of Police Services” and “Scholarship recipient”; inserted “Commission Chairman”; rewrote “Appointing authority,” “Law enforcement agency” and “Police officer”; in “In-service course,” substituted a reference to trainees for a reference to police officers, corrections officers and juvenile detention officers; and in “Institution of higher learning,” substituted a reference to the Commission on Higher Education for a reference to the Department of Higher Education.

## SUBCHAPTER 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

**13:1-2.1 Relaxation of rules**

The rules in this chapter shall be considered as general rules for the operation of the Commission and the administration of the Police Training Act. These rules have been designed to facilitate the education and training of police officers. The rules may be relaxed or dispensed with by the Commission in any instance where it shall be apparent to the Commission that strict adherence would result in an injustice to an individual or a law enforcement agency.