

**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
&
SHERIFFS' STANDARDS DIVISIONS**

Certification Prerequisites for Law Enforcement Officers

In addition to successful completion of a Commission-accredited basic law enforcement training program, to become eligible for certification as a law enforcement officer, each applicant must be able to truthfully answer "No" to each of the following statements. Please carefully review each of these statements. If you are unable to answer "No" in each case you may wish to consult with the appropriate Standards Division regarding your eligibility for certification as a law enforcement officer.

I. An applicant is **ineligible** for certification as a law enforcement officer if:

You have ever committed or been convicted of:

- (a) A felony.
- (b) A crime for which the punishment could have been imprisonment for more than two years.
- (c) A crime or unlawful act for which the punishment could have been imprisonment for more than six months but less than two years and the crime or unlawful act occurred within five years of your application for certification.
(This prohibition applies to all NC offenses prior to October 1, 1994 and all out of state or federal offenses regardless of the date.)
- (d) A crime or unlawful act listed in the North Carolina Class B Misdemeanor Manual.
(This prohibition applies to all NC offenses after October 1, 1994.)
- (e) Four or more crimes or unlawful acts described in (c) above, regardless of the date of occurrence.
- (f) Four or more crimes or unlawful acts for which the punishment could have been imprisonment for less than six months.

Note: An applicant maybe certified if the last conviction or commission date in (f) occurred more than two years prior to the date of application for certification.

- (g) Any combination of four or more crimes described in (c) and (e) regardless of the date of conviction or commission. (Applicable to Sheriffs' Commission only.)