

# How To Become a PEACE OFFICER in Ohio



To become a peace officer in Ohio, applicants must complete a Peace Officer Basic Training Academy that is approved by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC).

A list of such academies in Ohio, arranged by county, can be found online at [www.opotc.com](http://www.opotc.com).

## Closed and open enrollment academies

Some basic academies are "closed," requiring recruits to be appointed by a law enforcement agency. Larger agencies usually train under this model.

Other academies are "open enrollment," meaning anyone can apply. For more about its application process. Some of these academies charge a fee.

Some academies set their own fees. Some accept the GI Bill. Also, academies run by law enforcement agencies may have a waiting list. Some academies run on a semester calendar.

## Academy requirements

Applicants must pass a written test and drug screening to qualify for an academy. To become eligible, applicants must have a minimum of 737 hours of training, although local academies may mandate a semester calendar.

## Relocation considerations

Applicants who have lived in another state who has local, state or federal law enforcement training may be eligible for Ohio's basic training course. To participate in the program, applicants must:

1. Be appointed by an Ohio law enforcement agency. (A law enforcement agency is not required.)
2. Provide a copy of the Training Analysis and a copy of the officer's transcripts from the previous state.
3. Await the commission staff's determination of the amount of credit awarded and the training still needed.
4. Complete the required training.
5. Provide proof of residency in Ohio.



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# Physical fitness benchmarks required at the start and the end of peace officer basic training:

\* Modified form per OPOTC

MALES (≤29)		
EXERCISE	START	END
Situps (1 min.)	32	40
Pushups (1 min.)	19	33
1.5-mile run	14:34	11:58

MALES (30-39)		
EXERCISE	START	END
Situps (1 min.)	28	36
Pushups (1 min.)	15	27
1.5-mile run	15:13	12:25

MALES (40-49)		
EXERCISE	START	END
Situps (1 min.)	22	31
Pushups (1 min.)	10	21
1.5-mile run	15:58	13:11

MALES (50-59)		
EXERCISE	START	END
Situps (1 min.)	17	26
Pushups (1 min.)	7	15
1.5-mile run	17:38	14:16

MALES (60+)		
EXERCISE	START	END
Situps (1 min.)	13	20
Pushups (1 min.)	5	15
1.5-mile run	20:12	15:56

FEMALES (≤29)		
EXERCISE	START	END
Situps (1 min.)	23	35
Pushups (1 min.)	9	18
1.5-mile run	17:49	14:07

FEMALES (30-39)		
EXERCISE	START	END
Situps (1 min.)	18	27
Pushups (1 min.)	7	14
1.5-mile run	18:37	14:34

FEMALES (40-49)		
EXERCISE	START	END
Situps (1 min.)	13	22
Pushups (1 min.)	5	11
1.5-mile run	19:32	15:24

FEMALES (50-59)		
EXERCISE	START	END
Situps (1 min.)	7	17
Pushups (1 min.)	4*	13*
1.5-mile run	21:31	17:13

FEMALES (60+)		
EXERCISE	START	END
Situps (1 min.)	2	8
Pushups (1 min.)	1*	8*
1.5-mile run	23:32	18:52



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For more information, call the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission at 740-845-2700 and ask to speak with a certification specialist.