

**501—3.9(80B) Special certification through examination.** This rule is promulgated by the academy in compliance with 1996 Iowa Acts, chapter 1201. Persons having successfully completed the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, having corrected Snellen vision in both eyes of 20/20 or better, and having been employed on or before January 1, 1996, as chief of police of a city in the state of Iowa with a population of 20,000 or more may, upon application to the director with council approval, take a competency test or tests to gain Iowa law enforcement officer certification. Successful completion of the required test or tests will result in certification by the council. The test or tests will be prepared and administered by the academy and the passing score will be determined by the academy. Persons eligible under this rule who successfully complete the long form examination shall be granted certification limited to and valid only for the position for which the person was hired.

**3.9(1) Criteria.** The following will be prerequisites for special certification through examination under this rule:

*a.* Firing a verified score of 80 percent or greater with the officer's service handgun which course of fire was prescribed and administered by the Iowa law enforcement academy.

*b.* The applicant must possess or obtain current Iowa law enforcement emergency care provider (ILEECP) or more advanced certification recognized by the Iowa department of public health and approved by the academy, and current course completion in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, AED and Foreign Body Airway Obstruction for all age groups according to national standards, with documentation furnished to the academy.

**3.9(2) Application and testing periods.** Application shall be made within 120 days of the effective date of this rule. Failure to make timely application will result in the applicant's being required to attend an academy certifying school.

**3.9(3) Retesting requirements.** Failure to successfully complete the examination will require retesting within 60 days in the areas failed. If any area is failed a second time, the applicant will be required to attend and satisfactorily complete training at the academy covering those areas of deficiency. Successful completion of the training will result in law enforcement officer certification by the academy council.