



# ALLEGHENY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Currently, the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office is only hiring Deputy Sheriff's who have passed the Deputy Sheriff Examination given in the fall of 2017. The exam is given every few years, unless the test results have been exhausted sooner.

When a date is set to administer the next test, we will provide a link to Allegheny County's Career Site. Additionally, there will be links on our website and social media pages. We will not specify any information regarding future tests until the posting has been listed on the County's website.

If you would like to prepare for the next exam, please review guidelines from the 2017 exam.

## Requirements

- Must be a US Citizen
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Sixty (60) credits from an accredited college or university must be completed at the time of filing the application. A transcript must accompany the application.
  - o Sixty (60) credits may be waived for applicants who have a current Act 120 certification (MPOETC) and have at least two (2) years of full active military duty with an Honorable Discharge. A DD 214 showing character of discharge must accompany the application.
  - o Sixty (60) credits may be waived for applicants who have graduated from the Pennsylvania State Police Training Academy and have at least two (2) years of full active military duty with an Honorable Discharge. A DD 214 showing character of discharge must accompany the application.
  - o Thirty (30) credits may be waived for applicants with at least two (2) years of full active military duty with an Honorable Discharge. A DD 214 showing character of discharge must accompany the application.
  - o Fifteen (15) credits may be waived for applicants who have a current Act 120 certification (MPOETC). A copy of the certification must accompany the application.

## Salary Information

| <u>Deputy Sheriff 1</u> | <u>Deputy Sheriff 2</u> | <u>Deputy Sheriff 3</u> | <u>Deputy Sheriff 4</u> | <u>Deputy Sheriff 5</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| \$35,280.36/yr          | \$44,330.88/yr          | \$48,220.80/yr          | \$80,386.20. /yr        | \$82,797.72/yr          |

## Veterans' Preference

- Veterans' Preference will be awarded to eligible candidates. Discharge and separation papers (DD214) must show character of service and should be submitted to the Department of Human Resources when completing the application online. Applicants claiming Veterans' Preference for a deceased spouse

must submit a copy of the death certificate. Military or National Guard reservists must provide an original Statement of Service letter from their current or most recent Reserve or National Guard Commanding Officer at the rank of Colonel (Army, Air Force, or Marine), Captain (Navy or Coast Guard) or higher. The letter must include:

- A statement that characterizes your service (i.e., honorable or under honorable conditions)
- Date Military or National Guard reserve began
- Completion date of Military reserve obligation
- Applicants who apply for a position and/or who participate in the pre-employment testing process prior to being honorably discharged from their military service commitment or prior to being released from active duty, other than active duty for training, will not be entitled to Veterans' Preference.

### **Admission Letter**

- If deemed eligible for the written examination, you will receive your test admission packet via mail.
- Within your admission packet, you will receive an admission letter, which indicates the date, time, and location of the examination. Do not discard your admission letter. You will be required to present your admission letter on the day of the written examination.
- You are also required to present a valid photo ID on the date of the examination. Your exam will not be scored unless you present your photo ID at the exam.
- Your scheduled test date and time cannot be changed.
  - If you are an active military service member and are unable to attend the scheduled test in Pittsburgh due to a military commitment, contact [HRTesting@alleghenycounty.us](mailto:HRTesting@alleghenycounty.us) for additional testing options.

### **Study Tips Handout**

- In addition to your admission letter, you also will receive an Examination Study-Tips Handout. This handout will help familiarize you with test taking procedures. You are encouraged to read this handout thoroughly. However, you will not be permitted to take this guide with you into the examination room.

### **Exam Details**

- The written Deputy Sheriff Examination will test your:
  - Ability to learn and/or apply police information
  - Ability to observe and remember details/observation and memory
  - Ability to use judgment and logic/situational judgment and problem solving
  - Ability to follow directions
  - Verbal ability (vocabulary and reading comprehension)
  - Basic Arithmetic (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and percentages)

## **Exam Day & Results**

- Written Test
  - o On the day of the exam, you must bring the following:
    - Admission Letter
    - Photo ID
  - o If you are late, you will not be admitted into the examination and there will not be a rescheduled test time.
  - o Be sure to listen to the test administrator and follow the instructions of all test proctors. Proctors are available to assist, address your concerns, and answer your questions as appropriate. However, please keep in mind that proctors are not permitted to answer questions regarding specific test questions.
  - o If you require assistance when taking the examination, or you anticipate a need for an accommodation during the selection process due to a disability, please contact the Department of Human Resources.

## **Results/Eligibility List**

- The passing grade on the written examination is 75% based on a possible score of 100%. You will receive your official results within a few weeks of the written examination. All hiring for the next three years will be done from this eligibility list.

## **Veterans' Preference Points**

- If you are eligible to receive Veterans' Preference and submitted the required documentation with your application, your results letter will indicate that 10 points were added to your score. Points are added only if you achieve a passing score on the examination and proper documentation is received.