



## GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

6VAC20-280

### Rules Relating to Compulsory Minimum Training Standards for Law Enforcement Field Training Officers

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This guidance document is intended to provide the field with clarification on the requirements for law-enforcement officers who were designated as field training officers prior to the regulation becoming effective.

#### **Certification**

Every law-enforcement officer designated to serve as a field training officer must meet the compulsory minimum training standards established in 6VAC20-280-20 after December 31, 2015.

***Exception:*** Those law-enforcement officers who were serving as field training officers prior to December 31, 2015 are not required to complete the minimum training standards required in 6VAC20-280.

#### **Recertification**

Every field training officer's initial certification is valid for three years.

***Requirement:*** Those law-enforcement officers who were serving as field training officers prior to December 31, 2015 are required to recertify by December 31, 2018.