

AZ LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S SAFETY ACT (LEOSA) APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the firearms certification/qualification event with an AZPOST certified and DPS-recognized LEOSA instructor. This is the standard AZPOST peace officer firearms qualification course (50 rounds, day or night) and a pass/fail target identification and discrimination course (judgmental shooting). Backup or secondary handgun qualification courses are not valid for this event and may not be used.
2. Submit this completed application with: *(New Applications submit a, b, and c - Renewal Applications submit b only)*
 - a. A photocopy of your photographic law enforcement identification credentials.
 - b. \$20 money order or cashier's check (no personal checks or checks drawn on a business account) payable to: **AZ DPS**.
 - c. A letter from the agency with which you were employed that verified your employment status and that you meet the requirements of a qualified retired law enforcement officer listed below.
 - 1) The letter must:
 - a) Be on the agency's letterhead.
 - b) Include your name, employee badge number, rank, and dates of employment.
 - c) Attest that the applicant meets the requirement of a qualified retired law enforcement officer.
 - d) Attest that the applicant has been issued a photographic law enforcement identification card.
 - e) Include the name, title, identification number, and contact phone number of an individual at the agency who can verify employment information.

18 USC 926C(c) DEFINES A "QUALIFIED RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER" AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

- Separated from service in good standing with a public agency as a law enforcement officer; **and**
- Before such separation, was authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law, and had statutory powers of arrest; **and**
- Before such separation, served as a law enforcement officer for an aggregate of 10 years or more; **or**
- Separated from service with such agency, after completing any applicable probationary period of such service, due to a service-connected disability, as determined by such agency; **and**
- Has not been officially found by a qualified medical professional employed by the agency to be unqualified for reasons relating to mental health; **or**
- Has not entered into an agreement with the agency from which the individual is separating from service in which the individual acknowledges he or she is not qualified under this section for reasons relating to mental health; **and**
- Is not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance; **and**
- Is not prohibited by Federal law from receiving a firearm.

THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RETIRED OFFICER:

- During the most recent 12-month period, has met, at the expense of the applicant, the state's standards for training and qualification for active law enforcement officers to carry firearms

IF CARRYING A CONCEALED FIREARM, YOU MUST ALSO BE IN POSSESSION OF:

- Photo identification issued by the law enforcement agency from which you separated; **AND**
- Certification issued by the state in which you reside that indicates that you have, not more than one year before the date you are carrying a concealed firearm, been tested or otherwise found by the state to meet the standards established by the state for training and qualification for active law enforcement officers to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed firearm. The certificate issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety meets this requirement and is valid for twelve months from the day the firearms qualification event occurred.

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:

**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
ATTN: LEOSA APPLICATION
PO BOX 6488
PHOENIX AZ 85005-6488**

