

For deputy sheriff, there is no minimum and maximum age set forth in code. The Sheriff may hire any age he desires.

For police officer:

No person shall be eligible to receive an original appointment to a ***police department***, as a police officer, subject to the civil service laws of this state, unless the person has reached the age of ***twenty-one***. No person is eligible to receive an original appointment when the person is thirty-five years of age or older, and no person can be declared disqualified as over age prior to that time. The maximum age limitation established by this section does not apply to a city in which an ordinance establishes a different maximum age limitation for an original appointment to the police department or to a civil service township in which a resolution adopted by the board of trustees of the township establishes a different maximum age limitation for an original appointment to the police department.

“Peace officer” (as in Peace Officer Basic Academy/ POBA) means:

(1) A deputy sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal, member of the organized police department of a township or municipal corporation, member of a township police district or joint police district police force, member of a police force employed by a metropolitan housing authority, or township constable, who is commissioned and employed as a peace officer by a political subdivision of this state or by a metropolitan housing authority, and whose primary duties are to preserve the peace, to protect life and property, and to enforce the laws of this state, ordinances of a municipal corporation, resolutions of a township, or regulations of a board of county commissioners or board of township trustees, or any of those laws, ordinances, resolutions, or regulations;

(2) A police officer who is employed by a railroad company and appointed and commissioned by the secretary of state

(3) Employees of the department of taxation engaged in the enforcement of Chapter 5743. of the Revised Code and designated by the tax commissioner for peace officer training for purposes of the delegation of investigation powers under;

(4) An undercover drug agent;

(5) Enforcement agents of the department of public safety whom the director of public safety designates under;

(6) An employee of the department of natural resources who is a natural resources law enforcement staff officer, a park officer, a forest officer, a preserve officer, a wildlife officer, or a state watercraft officer;

(7) An employee of a park district;

(8) An employee of a conservancy district;

- (9) A police officer who is employed by a hospital that employs and maintains its own proprietary police department or security department, and who is appointed and commissioned by the secretary of state;
- (10) Veterans' homes police officers;
- (11) A police officer who is employed by a qualified nonprofit corporation police department;
- (12) A state university law enforcement officer or a person serving as a state university law enforcement officer on a permanent basis on June 19, 1978, who has been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of an approved state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace officer basic training program;
- (13) A special police officer employed by the department of mental health and addiction services or the department of developmental disabilities;
- (14) A member of a campus police department;
- (15) A member of a police force employed by a regional transit authority;
- (16) Investigators appointed by the auditor of state and engaged in the enforcement of Chapter 117. of the Revised Code;
- (17) A special police officer designated by the superintendent of the state highway patrol or a person who was serving as a special police officer, and who has been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of an approved state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace officer basic training program;
- (18) A special police officer employed by a port authority or a person serving as a special police officer employed by a port authority on a permanent basis on May 17, 2000, who has been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of an approved state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace officer basic training program;
- (19) A special police officer employed by a municipal corporation who has been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission for satisfactory completion of an approved peace officer basic training program and who is employed on a permanent basis on or after March 19, 2003, at a municipal airport, or other municipal air navigation facility, that has scheduled operations, and that is required to be under a security program and is governed by aviation security rules of the transportation security administration of the United States department of transportation;
- (20) A police officer who is employed by an owner or operator of an amusement park that has an average yearly attendance in excess of six hundred thousand guests and that employs and

maintains its own proprietary police department or security department, and who is appointed and commissioned by a judge of the appropriate municipal court or county court;

(21) A police officer who is employed by a bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, credit union, or association of banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, or credit unions, who has been appointed and commissioned by the secretary of state, and who has been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of a state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace officer basic training program;

(22) An investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation who is commissioned by the superintendent of the bureau as a special agent for the purpose of assisting law enforcement officers or providing emergency assistance to peace officers pursuant to authority granted under that section;

(23) A state fire marshal law enforcement officer or a person serving as a state fire marshal law enforcement officer on a permanent basis on or after July 1, 1982, who has been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of an approved state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace officer basic training program;

(24) A gaming agent.