

WAC 139-05-925 Requirement of training for railroad police officers. (1) For the purpose of this regulation, the term "railroad police" means any individual appointed by the commission under the provisions of RCW 81.60.010 through 81.60.060.

(2) Effective January 1, 2002, as a precondition of any newly appointed railroad police officer to enforce the laws of this state, railroad police must:

(a) Possess the commission's basic certificate, or in the alternative have successfully completed training and possess a basic certification from another state. In the event certification and training are from another state, the newly appointed railroad police officer must satisfactorily complete the equivalency course approved by the commission, within the first six months of employment.

(b) The above requirements do not apply to railroad police officers appointed prior to January 1, 2002; however, they may, if qualified, attend the equivalency academy.

(c) Railroad police officers whose primary duties are those of administration of other railroad police officers may request an administrative exemption from the above training requirements. Administrative exemptions may be granted by the commission provided that the initial grant and continuing effect of such exemption is governed by the provisions of WAC 139-05-205.

(3) It is the responsibility of the railroad police officer's employing agency to effect and ensure personnel compliance herein, and provide necessary records, proof of background check information upon request of the commission to which the employing agency is accountable for purposes of compliance.

(4) The corporation requesting appointment of a railroad police officer will bear the full cost of training or any other expenses.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.101.080. WSR 05-20-029, § 139-05-925, filed 9/28/05, effective 10/29/05; WSR 03-19-122, § 139-05-925, filed 9/17/03, effective 10/18/03; WSR 02-02-004, § 139-05-925, filed 12/20/01, effective 1/20/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.101.080(2). WSR 90-07-012, § 139-05-925, filed 3/13/90, effective 4/13/90.]