

DETENTION OFFICER

1. Minimum educational requirements:
 - a. Have passed a General Education Development (GED) test indicating High School graduation level;
 - b. Be a High School graduate
 - or
 - c. Have 12 semester hours credit from an accredited college or university
2. For peace officers and armed public security officers, be 21 years of age, or 18 years of age if the applicant has received an associate's degree or 60 semester hours credit from an accredited college or university or has received an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the United States after at least two years of active service; **for detention officers (jailers) be 19 years of age;**
3. Be fingerprinted and be subjected to a search of local, state and national records and fingerprint files to disclose any criminal record;
4. Never been or currently on court – ordered community supervision or probation for any criminal offense above the grade of a Class B Misdemeanor or a Class B Misdemeanor within the last ten years;
5. Not currently under indictment for any criminal offense;
6. Never been convicted of any offense above the grade of a Class B Misdemeanor or a Class B Misdemeanor within the last ten years;
7. Never been convicted of any family violence offense;
8. Is not prohibited by State or Federal law from operating a motor vehicle;
9. Is not prohibited by State or Federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition;
10. Be subjected to a background investigation and be interviewed prior to appointment by representatives of the appointing authority;
11. Be examined by a physician, selected by the appointing agency or employing agency, who is licensed by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners. The physician must be familiar with the duties appropriate to the type of license sought and appointment to be made. The appointee must be declared in writing by that professional within 180 days before the date of appointment by the agency to be :
 - a. Physically sound and free from any defect which may adversely affect the performance of duty appropriate to the type of license sought; and
 - b. Show no trace of drug dependency or illegal drug use after physical examination, blood test, or other medical test;
12. Be examined by a psychologist, selected by the appointing or employing agency, who is licensed by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. The psychologist must be familiar with the duties appropriate to the license sought and appointment to be made. This examination may also be conducted by a psychiatrist. The appointee must be declared in writing by that professional to be in satisfactory psychological and emotional health to serve as the type of officer for which the licensees sought within 180 days before the date of appointment by the agency. The examination must be conducted pursuant to professionally recognized standards and methods:
 - a. The commission may allow for exceptional circumstances where a licensed physician performs the evaluation of psychological and emotional health. This requires the appointing agency to request in writing and receive approval from the commission, prior to the evaluation being completed; and
 - b. The examination may be conducted by a qualified psychologist exempt from licensure by the Psychologist Certification and Licensing Act, Section 22, who is recognized under the exceptional circumstances;
13. Not have been discharged from any military service under less than honorable conditions including, specifically;
 - a. Under other than honorable conditions
 - b. Bad conduct
 - c. Dishonorable; or
 - d. Any characterization of service indicating bad character;
14. Not have had a commission license denied by final order or revoked, or have a voluntary surrender of license currently in effect;
15. Meet the minimum training standards and pass the commission licensing examination for each license sought;
16. Not violate any commission rule or provision of Occupations Code, Chapter 1701.

Employment Information

1. Starting Salary of \$34,432.84
2. Work 12 hour shifts. (6am-6pm or 6pm-6am)
3. Four (4) days on and four (4) days off rotation
4. Must be able to work holidays
5. Two (2) week vacation after 1 year of service
6. Eight (8) hours sick time accumulated per month
7. Required to attend Jail Academy (within first year of employment) and pass State exam to continue employment
8. Must be able to pass pre-employment examination
9. Required to attend and pass the Jail Firearms course (TCOLE #3599) and able to pass the firearms qualification course at the range. In order to maintain firearm proficiency it will also be a requirement that all detention personnel re-qualify with the standard issued firearm at least 2 (two) times a year.