



CITY OF TACOMA
invites applications for the position of:
Police Officer Recruit
(Entry Level)

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SALARY

Hourly
\$33.51 - \$40.11

OPENING DATE: 08/16/21

CLOSING DATE: 10/15/21 03:00 PM

POSITION
DESCRIPTION:



The test date for this recruitment is scheduled for Saturday, November 13, 2021. The PAT and the written exam will be held on the same day. Candidates who pass the PAT will be invited to attend the written exam in the afternoon.

Please Note: During the hiring process candidates will be required to attend testing or interviews in-person. We are closely monitoring CDC reports pertaining to COVID-19, and have put measures in place for the safety of our own staff and those applying for positions with our department.

This is general duty police work involving the protection of life and property, enforcement of laws and ordinances, maintenance of order, and prevention and investigation of crimes. Work is performed according to departmental regulations and procedures prescribed by superior officers and normally consists of routine patrol, traffic regulations, and crime prevention and investigation on motorcycles, or on foot.

Work involves a substantial element of personal danger and employees must be able to act without direct supervision and exercise independent discretion in emergencies.

All assignments in this class involve responsibility for recognizing the social importance of police functions, for tactful and courteous treatment of the public, and for conscientious and efficient performance of duties under little direct supervision.

Employees may be assigned to work on special assignments that call upon specialized ability and knowledge usually attained through experience as a

uniformed Police Officer.

Assignments and general and special instructions are received from superior officers who review work by personal inspection, check of reports, and general appraisal of the effectiveness of the employee and the entire police service.

Primary Duties

- Successfully complete the Basic Law Enforcement Academy provided by the Washington Criminal Justice Training Commission;
- Learn and apply knowledge of basic first aid procedures;
- Resolve a variety of potentially volatile and dangerous situations in a calm, confident, and effective manner;
- Drive a patrol car under normal and adverse conditions;
- Train and use firearms safely in accordance with departmental rules;
- Clean and maintain assigned firearms and vehicles;
- Understand and carry out oral and written instructions;
- Learn, interpret and apply modern principles, practices, and procedures of police work;
- Write clear and comprehensive reports;
- Work with the public and coworkers in a professional and courteous manner;
- Show initiative in performing job functions, and ability to enforce federal, state and local laws.

City of Tacoma Recruitment

The City of Tacoma wants to employ a workforce that reflects the community we serve. We actively work to eliminate racial and other disparities and we welcome candidates with diverse and/or multicultural skill sets and personal experiences. Our goal is for Tacoma to be an inclusive and equitable place to live, work, and play.

Transforming Tacoma

The Tacoma Police Department is a proud participant in Transforming Tacoma; actively working to develop pragmatic, specific recommendations and reforms that the Tacoma Police Department and the City of Tacoma can implement to strengthen the Tacoma Police Department's relationship with Tacoma's community; ensure that the Tacoma Police Department's activities and operations are safe, just, effective, lawful, and consistent with national, best, emerging, and transformational practices. For more information about this effort, please visit the [Transforming Tacoma](#) website.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Minimum Qualifications

- You must be a United States citizen;
- You must possess a high school diploma or GED;
- You must be at least 20.5 years of age at the time of application - and be 21 years of age by date of appointment;
- You must be able to meet the physical requirements and medical standards prescribed by the City of Tacoma and Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.

LICENSES, CERTIFICATES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- You must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license at time of application. A valid Washington State driver's license is required for employment (with maintenance thereafter) and driving history will be thoroughly assessed during the hiring process.

- First Aid and CPR card upon hire with maintenance thereafter.

Physical Requirements & Working Conditions:

- Above-average physical endurance in running, climbing and lifting as well as good balance, hearing and vision.
- Work includes indoor and outdoor environment.
- Employees typically work Monday through Friday, some evening and weekend work.
- Incumbents in this classification may be exposed to gunfire, toxic chemicals, traffic hazards and occasional driving at high speeds.

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:

- Fluent English usage, grammar, spelling, punctuation, and vocabulary.
- Principles, practices and procedures used in police work.
- State, County and City laws and ordinances.
- Recent legislation and court decisions affecting police duties.
- Traffic and crowd control techniques.
- Rules of evidence and laws of arrest.
- Operation of a variety of specialized police vehicles and equipment.
- Crime scene preservation and investigation methods and techniques.
- Basic First Aid procedures.
- Operation of a personal computer.
- Prepare clear and concise reports.
- Maintain proficiency in driving and in the use of firearms in accordance with department guidelines.
- Analyze situations accurately and adopt effective courses of action.
- Communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.
- Understand scope of authority.
- Relate effectively to people of a variety of cultures, languages, abilities and social-economic situations.
- Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
- Observe legal and defensive driving practices.
- Comply with safety standards and regulations.

SELECTION PROCESS & SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Applicants who have applied and met the City's minimum qualifications, will be sent an Initial Personal History Questionnaire via e-mail. It is the applicant's responsibility to follow all instructions, to check his/her e-mail regularly and to meet set deadlines. Failure to follow the requested processes may result in disqualification.

Applicants who are eligible for veterans scoring criteria (Veterans Preference) **MUST** attach a copy of their DD-214 member copy 4 (proof of military discharge form) **at time of application to be eligible for review for Veteran's Preference points.**

Important Information:

Applicants must pass the physical abilities test and written exam before being placed on an eligibility list for interview and hiring consideration. The PAT consists of three activities: squat thrusts, sit-ups and push-ups. The requirements for the PAT can be found on the [Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission website](#).

Eligible candidates must pass all phases of the hiring process including oral board, pre-offer assessment test, and background investigation. Upon successful completion of these hiring steps, the applicant may receive a conditional offer of employment, conditional upon available positions within the Police Department and the successful completion of the polygraph examination, physical and psychological examinations, and any other phases of the pre-employment process that might need to be accomplished. Candidates may be removed from the eligible list for failure to pass any of these hiring steps. Once an applicant becomes a commissioned officer, the position is covered by a Labor Agreement between the City of Tacoma and Local 6 Tacoma Police Union IUPA.

Note: The PAT and written exam are tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 13, 2021.

Tentative 2022 Test Dates:

- January 29, 2022
- April 9, 2022
- June 25, 2022
- August 27, 2022
- October 29, 2022

Communication from the City of Tacoma:

Please indicate in your online application that you **prefer email notification** as this is the preferred method of communication with the City of Tacoma. In order to receive the most efficient communications from the City of Tacoma Human Resources Department and the Tacoma Police Department, we ask that each applicant create a Gmail email address for correspondence. Please use any combination of your first and last name as the email address. Ex: Smithjane@gmail.com, Janesmith@gmail.com, JSmith123@gmail.com. This will assist the Tacoma Police Department hiring unit with tracking information received during the hiring process.

We primarily communicate via e-mail during the application process. E-mails from cityoftacoma.org and/or governmentjobs.com must be placed on your safe domain list to ensure that you receive notifications in a timely manner. As a precaution, you may also want to check your junk e-mail folders.

The online application system requires you to enter a substantial amount of information. Be prepared to spend an hour or more entering the required information. In order for your application materials to be considered, all information must be submitted by the closing date and time listed on this job announcement. If you experience any complications while applying, please contact Human Resources at 253.591.5400 by 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 15, 2021 in order for us to assist you before the closing time.

If you are interested in additional information regarding test standards, testing deadlines and other information about the City of Tacoma and the Tacoma Police Department, visit our websites at www.cityoftacoma.org or www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/police

To learn more about the Tacoma Police Department's hiring process and to learn more about the physical abilities test click [here](#).

Questions regarding this announcement may be directed to the Human Resources Department at 253.591.5400.

APPLICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AND FILED ONLINE AT:

<http://www.cityoftacoma.org>

ALTERNATIVE FORMAT MAY BE OBTAINED AT:

Human Resources Department

747 Market Street

Tacoma, WA 98402-3764

253-591-5400

Job #4201-21B
POLICE OFFICER RECRUIT (ENTRY LEVEL)
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Police Officer Recruit (Entry Level) Supplemental Questionnaire

- * 1. INSTRUCTIONS: Answer the following questions as truthfully and accurately as possible. Your responses may be accessed in subsequent examinations, and any sign of deliberate misinformation or intentional exaggeration will result in disqualification from the examination process and possible bar from future employment opportunities with the City of Tacoma. Please indicate "Yes" to show that you have read and understand these instructions.
 Yes No

- * 2. Are you a high school graduate or do you have a G.E.D? Please remember that verification of high school graduation, or its equivalent may be provided in the form of an official transcript, diploma, or other approved documentation that confirms graduation from high school or its equivalent. You will be required to produce one of the prescribed documents as part of the background process.
 Yes
 No

- * 3. Are you 20 1/2 years of age or older?
 Yes
 No

- * 4. Are you a U.S. Citizen?
 Yes
 No

- * 5. Do you currently possess a driver's license?
 Yes
 No

- * 6. I understand that I may be required to perform the physical abilities test multiple times throughout the testing process and it is my responsibility to stay in good physical condition.
 Yes No

- * 7. I understand that as part of the recruitment process an applicant's criminal record, including all arrests, prosecutions, deferred prosecutions, 'Alford' pleas, and non-conviction information will be thoroughly assessed and may be grounds for disqualification. The following examples will be disqualifying:
 - Any adult felony conviction.
 - Any misdemeanor or felony conviction while employed in a criminal justice and/or law enforcement capacity
 - Any domestic violence conviction

- Yes
 No

- * 8. I understand that as part of the recruitment process an applicant's driving record will be considered on a case-by-case basis with the past five (5) years being the most critical. The following will be disqualifying until the time parameters have been met:
- Driving under the influence (DUI), Negligent and Reckless Driving, Hit and Run within the past five (5) years.
 - Suspension of your driver's license as a result of a DUI within the past five (5) years.
- Yes
 No
- * 9. I understand that as part of the recruitment process an applicant's employment history, including any terminations or leaving an employer in lieu of termination, will be thoroughly assessed and may be grounds for disqualification.
- Yes
 No
- * 10. I understand that all applicants are expected to maintain a professional appearance at all times. The Tacoma Police Department has the sole discretion in determining what is considered professional, as it relates to the position the applicant is applying for. Any and all tattoos, branding (intentional burning of skin to create a design), voluntary disfigurement (marring or spoiling of the appearance or shape of a body part), or scarification (intentional cutting of the skin to create a design) shall be carefully reviewed by the Department on a case-by-case basis.
- Yes
 No
- * 11. I understand that as part of the recruitment process an applicant's credit history will be thoroughly assessed and related decision-making issues may be grounds for disqualification. The following are areas of concern:
- Failure to pay income tax
 - Failure to pay child support
- Yes
 No
- * 12. The tentative test date for this recruitment cycle is scheduled for Saturday, November 13, 2021. There are no alternate test dates/times available for this testing cycle. Additionally, I understand that this date is tentative and may need to be adjusted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Tacoma Police Department will keep all candidates informed of date changes through email correspondence.
- Yes No
13. I understand that the City of Tacoma complies with the Drug-Free Workplace Act. The Drug-free Workplace Act requires that federal grant recipients publish a statement notifying their employees that drug abuse in the workplace is prohibited as follows: **The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the City of Tacoma workplace.** I understand that marijuana is still an illegal substance on a federal level; therefore, as a condition of employment candidates for the position of Police Officer Recruit will be required to participate in a pre-employment drug test that will test for marijuana usage. I understand that detection of marijuana in the pre-employment drug test may prevent a candidate from being hired. I understand that as a condition of employment I will be required to comply with the City of Tacoma Drug-free Workplace policy.
- Yes
 No
- * 14. Please tell us how you learned about this job opening.
- Job Interest Card notification
 Internet search

- Professional organization
- Community organization
- Union job posting
- City of Tacoma employee
- Online job board posting
- Word of mouth
- Social media
- Other
- Career Fair
- Washington State Fair
- University of Washington Newsletter
- Postcard
- Utilities Insert

* 15. Please provide specific information regarding how you learned about this job opening. Thank you, your feedback will be used to evaluate our success reaching the public and refine our methods for future job postings.

* Required Question