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TO: Criminal Justice Training Schools
FROM: Director Jennifer C. Pritt
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SUBJECT: Basic Abilities Test

Rule 11B-35.0011(1), F.A.C., requires all applicants who apply for entry into a Commission-approved Basic Recruit Training Program to obtain a passing score on a Commission-approved Basic Abilities Test (BAT) for the law enforcement or corrections disciplines, prior to entering the program. Since the inception of the BAT, there have been numerous instances when a student was allowed entry into a basic recruit training program without complying with this rule. To avoid negatively impacting students due to the oversight by training schools, students have been allowed to remain in a class and are required to successfully pass a BAT when the error is discovered. In addition, the errors have not been deemed as an audit criticism during the annual trust fund audits.

Beginning with classes that started on or after November 7, 2013, any training school that allows a student to enter a Commission-approved Basic Recruit Training Program for the law enforcement or corrections disciplines without having passed a discipline-specific BAT, shall receive an audit criticism during the appropriate audit cycle. Upon a student's passage of a law enforcement or corrections BAT, Commission staff will continue to enter the student's class record into ATMS with training center director approval if the request is made within 30 days of the start date of the class. If the request is made 30 days after the start date of the class, the training center director must request a waiver of the rule requirement from the Commission. The student's class record shall be entered into ATMS if the Commission grants the rule waiver.

If you have questions regarding this technical memorandum, please contact Training and Research Manager Terry Baker of the Bureau of Standards, via email at terrybaker@fdle.state.fl.us or at telephone number (850) 410-8688.

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