




Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2019-07**

DATE: July 17, 2019
TO: Criminal Justice Agency Administrators
Criminal Justice Training Center Directors
Criminal Justice Selection Center Directors
FROM: Director Dean Register 
Criminal Justice Professionalism Division
SUBJECT: Minimum Age for Correctional Officers

During the 2019 Legislative Session, s. 943.13, Florida Statutes, was amended to lower the minimum age for a person to be employed as a full-time, part-time, or auxiliary correctional officer to 18 years of age. This change was effective on July 1, 2019.

The Automated Training Management System (ATMS) has been updated to allow criminal justice employing agencies to register the employment of correctional officers who are at least 18 years of age. Additionally, changes to the relevant forms are included in the upcoming rule package to be approved by the Commission at its quarterly meeting in August 2019. It will take approximately one year for these changes to become effective. During the interim before the forms are promulgated, agencies hiring correctional officers who are 18 years of age will use the current Officer Certification Application, form CJSTC-59; and Affidavit of Applicant, form CJSTC-68. Employing agencies should add the following language to each form in the section referring to minimum age for any correctional officers hired who are 18 years of age: **“18 for correctional officers pursuant to s. 943.13(1), F.S.”** This change will ensure the forms are accurate when they are signed and notarized.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Training and Research Manager Terry Baker, Bureau of Standards, at TerryBaker@fdle.state.fl.us or (850) 410-8688.

cc: Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission