



State of Alabama
Drug Recognition Expert School Application

This application must be completed in electronic form except where a signature is required. Handwritten applications will not be considered.

Personal Information

Name: _____ Agency: _____

Work Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Rank: _____ Hire Date: _____

Email: _____ Current Assignment: _____

To be considered for certification as a Drug Recognition Expert, you must successfully complete all three phases of training:

1. Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) School—72 Hours

This course will train law enforcement officers in the areas of physiology, vital signs, SFSTs, and the seven categories of drugs of abuse. This training includes two written exams, an SFST proficiency exam, and five written quizzes. Students are required to score a minimum of 80% on the two written exams and must demonstrate proficiency in administering SFSTs in order to be considered for the final stage of training.

2. Field Certification

Upon successful completion of the academic portions, each student must then complete the certification phase. This requires the student to conduct a minimum of 12 drug influence evaluations while under the supervision of a DRE instructor. The student must identify subjects under the influence of at least four of the seven drug categories and attain a toxicological confirmation rate of at least 75%. In addition, the student must maintain a progress log, rolling log, and create a curriculum vitae.

3. Final Knowledge Exam and Endorsement

The student must score a minimum of 80% on the final knowledge exam and obtain the written endorsement of two certified DRE instructors and the state coordinator. Unless otherwise noted, the certification phase will take place out-of-state.

Agency Information

Agency: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip Code: _____

Additional Information

Date of Last SFST Training: _____

Have You Successfully Completed ARIDE Training? _____ If yes, When? _____

Summarize your formal education, work experience, and training that may be related to or of interest to the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program:

Summarize your prior assignments related to or of interest to the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program:

How do you expect DRE training to benefit you and your department?

List any additional information that you believe would assist in your selection into the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program:

Do you know a current DRE who can provide a reference for you?

If so, who? _____

Minimum Requirements

To be considered for DRE certification, the applicant must meet each of the following criteria:

1. Successful completion of the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) class. Note: Completing ARIDE Online will not be accepted.
2. Have at least two years of service as a certified law enforcement officer.
3. Be certified and proficient in administering Standardized Field Sobriety Tests.
4. Have a reasonable background and experience level in investigating DUI cases.
5. Submit a letter of recommendation from a local prosecutor. May also submit additional letters of recommendation from other sources.
6. Submit at least two of your DUI arrest reports for review.

By checking this box, the applicant is certifying that the information contained in this application is true and correct and the applicant meets all minimum requirements.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

The following portion to be completed by the applicant's supervisor

I have read this application and the applicant meets all minimum requirements. I recommend this applicant for DRE certification.

Supervisor's Name: _____ Title: _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

After completing the application send all documents by US Mail to the address below or scan and e-mail to one of the e-mail addresses below.

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