

Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board

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SAFE-T Act Update - Verification

The SAFE-T Act introduced a new verification process for all active, certified, law enforcement officers. 50 ILCS 140/8.4. Officers are required to submit a Compliance Verification form every three years affirming that the officer:

- 1. Completed all mandatory training required by statute and ILETSB;
- 2. Has accurate law-enforcement and security employment history on record; and
- 3. Has not committed disqualifying misconduct under Section 6.1 of the Police Training Act.

Reporting Period: The reporting period for those officers whose last names start with A-G began on 1/30/2023 and concludes on 1/29/26 with verifications due 1/30/2026. The Board will continue to accept verification forms through 3/31/26. Only those law enforcement officers that are marked as Active on a roaster and Certified are required to verify. Officers with names H-O must verify in 2027, and P-Z in 2028.

<u>Training Compliance Options:</u> When submitting the Verification form <u>via the online ILETSB Officers Portal</u>, officers must select one of the following training compliance statements:

- Yes I have completed all trainings required to be finished during this reporting period.
- No I have been granted a verification extension waiver to complete the verification process. I acknowledge that I must resubmit this verification form before July 31, 2026.
- No I require the grace period extension to complete my required trainings. I acknowledge that I have until March 31, 2026 to complete these trainings and resubmit my verification.
- No I do not plan to complete all outstanding mandated trainings, even during the grace period, and understand that the Board may place my certification on inactive status.

<u>Grace Period:</u> The Board must continue to accept verification forms through March; therefore, officers cure any deficiencies in training by coming into full compliance during this period.

Extension Waivers: Officers and agencies may request an additional six months to complete the verification if special circumstances exist prohibiting the completion of training beyond the officer's control. Officers must still submit the Verification Form by January 30 and indicate that an extension waiver has been granted. As a general rule, waivers will not be granted when an officer is missing fewer than three triennial training mandates.

<u>Agencies Verification:</u> Agencies may review their officers' verification submissions in LEDI and will be asked to verify their agency's compliance later in the year. All relevant records must be kept for four years.

Roster Management: Agencies are encouraged to proactively remove inactive officers from their rosters when the officer is unable to perform law-enforcement duties for an extended period. Proper roster management ensures officers are aligned with the correct statutory process and will avoid verification complications.

Enforcement: Officers who fail to complete this verification may be administratively inactivated by the Board beginning in May, after notice is issued to the officer and the agency. Inactive officers may not perform law-enforcement duties and may restore their status upon consultation with the Board.

Key Dates (Group A–G — First Cycle):

Dec 31, 2025 – Deadline to request an Extension Waiver

Jan 1, 2026 – Verification period opens

Jan 29, 2026 – Deadline to complete mandated trainings

Jan 30, 2026 – Verification due

Mar 31, 2026 – Grace Period deadline (training only)

May 1, 2026 – Officers who failed to verify may be placed on inactive status

July 31, 2026 – Extension Waiver completion deadline (if approved)