

Tattoo Policy

In order to preserve a professional appearance and promote confidence in us from the public which we serve, the Maine State Police has adopted an official tattoo and body piercing policy. The following is applicable to all Maine State Police applicants.

- Must comply with Maine State Police policy which requires all members to present a neat and professional appearance at all times.
- Tattoos, brands, body piercings and other body art shall not be visible while a member is in uniform or other business attire.
- The uniform includes a short sleeve shirt open at the front of the neck. If Tattoos, brands, body piercings and other body art are visible while wearing the short sleeve summer uniform, the member must wear a long sleeve uniform and tie throughout the year.
- In addition to visibility, some tattoos or brands may have symbolic meanings that are inconsistent with the values of the Maine State Police.

Candidates will be screened during processing at which time a determination will be made as to whether an applicant is in violation of the policy. If a candidate is found to be in violation then that person will have the option of having the tattoo or the visible portion thereof, removed at their own expense. If a candidate expresses a willingness to have this done, their application will be placed on hold until the process is completed.

While on duty, Members are allowed to wear a watch and a wedding band.

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Maine State Police Training Unit at 207-877-8025.