

Automatic Disqualifiers

After a conditional offer of employment is made, the Maine Warden Service will conduct an extensive background investigation concerning the applicant, including military service, education, motor vehicle record, criminal history record, financial record, work history, and references. A screening committee will review the results for information that would eliminate the candidate from further consideration.

An applicant will automatically be eliminated if he/she:

1. Has committed any crime classified in Maine law as a Class A, Class B, or Class C crime (any felony);
2. Has been found guilty of any crime classified in Maine law as a Class D crime (a Class D crime is a misdemeanor with a maximum term of imprisonment of 364 days). A person may make application to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy (MCJA) Board of Trustees for a waiver of this provision. Persons with questions regarding this provision should contact the Office of the Game Warden Colonel at 207-287-2766;
3. Has an extensive record of motor vehicle or fish and wildlife law violations;
4. Has convictions for Murder, Class A, B, C, or D crime, or convictions for any violation of the Maine Criminal Code, Chapters 15, 19, 25, or 45 or a conviction for any equivalent crime in another jurisdiction outside the State of Maine. A person may make application to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy (MCJA) Board of Trustees for a waiver of this provision;
5. Has engaged in any conduct that is penalized in this state as Murder, Class A, B, C, or D crime, or any provision of the Maine Criminal Code, Chapters 15, 19, 25, or 45; or engaged in such conduct in another jurisdiction outside the State of Maine, unless that conduct is not punishable as a crime under the laws of that jurisdiction. A person may make application to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy (MCJA) Board of Trustees for a waiver of this provision;
6. Has convictions for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor during the ten year period prior to application to the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program, or have been adjudicated of committing the administrative offense of operating a vehicle under the age of 21 with a greater than a 0.00 blood alcohol content during the ten year period prior to application to the Academy Basic Law Enforcement Training Program. A person may make application to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy (MCJA) Board of Trustees for a waiver of this provision after six years;
7. Has been found guilty of conduct specified in subparagraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 in another state of jurisdiction;
8. Has ingested or been injected with or used a hallucinogenic drug;
9. Has illegally sold scheduled drugs or drugs which require a prescription;
10. Has engaged in illegal drug use beyond what is considered as experimentation;
11. Is currently abusing drugs or alcohol;
12. Falsified, misrepresents, or omits any information when interviewed, during the background investigation, polygraph examination, or on the pre-polygraph questionnaire.