



PROGRAM BENEFITS

Recognizes individual professional and educational achievements

Highlights the dedication and professionalism of Virginia's sheriffs and deputies throughout the commonwealth

Excellent career development tool

CERTIFICATION STRUCTURE

For initial certification, the program standards focus on Public Safety Experience, Education, Training and Professional Development.

Points will be awarded based on years of experience, education, career development training and professional development activities.



ELIGIBILITY

Only duly elected for appointed sheriffs, or full-time sworn deputies, with at least three years of current service with any sheriff's office in Virginia may apply for certification.

All applicants must be members of the VSA. Sheriffs seeking certification must be a member of the VSI, and deputies must be part of a VSI-member sheriff's office.



LENGTH OF CERTIFICATION

The initial certification length is four years. Certified sheriffs and deputies may subsequently apply for recertification. The program guidebook lists all recertification requirements.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

The non-refundable fee to apply is \$250 for initial certification, and \$150 for recertification

Applications are accepted from Oct. 1 to Jan. 31 each year.

Sheriffs and deputies who achieve certification will receive certificates from the Performance Management Group at the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University, and may use the designation "VSIC" professionally.



TO LEARN MORE OR TO APPLY ONLINE, VISIT

certification.vasheriffsinstitute.org

DEMONSTRATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

The Virginia Sheriffs' Institute, in cooperation with the Virginia Sheriffs' Association, the Performance Management Group at the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University, and the Virginia Center for Policing Innovation, has developed this certification program to promote and recognize the continued individual professional development of Virginia's sheriffs and deputies.



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