

Application Criteria

Entry into the Western Australia Police (WAPOL) is very competitive. Before applying, the following requirements are necessary and must be held or obtained by the applicant prior to submitting an application. The only **exception** is the **Senior First Aid Certificate**, which may be supplied within 90 days from the date of application.

Minimum requirements for employment as a Police Officer

1. Citizenship

Applicants must hold:

- Citizenship or permanent resident status in Australia; or
- New Zealand Citizenship.

2. Age requirements

- Minimum age – 18 years
- Maximum age – none

3. Educational level

The minimum educational pre-requisite is to have completed Year 10 in Western Australia or the equivalent elsewhere.

Please be aware that the Police Entrance Evaluation is based on Year 12 competency and covers numeracy, literacy and general reasoning skills.

4. Vision

Applicants are required to have a minimum of 6/30 unaided vision in each eye, with corrected vision to be no worse than 6/9 in the poorer eye.

For people outside the 6/30 range, the following further conditions regarding the wearing of contact lenses may apply:

- An ability to wear soft contact lenses;
- The provision of relevant information, which is to include the history of duration of wear and tolerance of soft contact lenses over a twelve-month period; and
- A report from a qualified person outlining the applicant's expected future tolerance to wearing soft contact lenses on an ongoing basis.

5. Current Senior First Aid Certificate

Each applicant is responsible for obtaining a 'Senior First Aid' certificate. This certificate must be current at the time of selection and can be supplied up to 90 days from the date of application.

6. Motor driver's licence

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria as a minimum:

- Hold a current Western Australia Driver's Licence to drive a manual motor vehicle or equivalent. NB Candidates may submit an application whilst still on probation.
- Six demerit points is the maximum allowed.
- Have not had a recent driver's licence suspension - see waiting periods below (This does not include fines suspensions).

Waiting period for driver's licence suspensions

- **Demerit point suspension**
The waiting period for applicants to apply, who have had a demerit point suspension has been reduced to two years from the beginning of the suspension period.
- **Alcohol related driving suspensions**
A minimum waiting period of 3 years from the return of the licence for most offences and 5 years or longer for more serious or repetitive drink driving offences. Contact Recruiting Branch staff if in doubt.
- **Other driving suspensions:** A minimum of 3 years from the return of the licence.

Note that multiple suspensions result in longer waiting periods or permanent exclusion. If in doubt, please contact WA Police Recruiting Branch staff (9301 9607).