



SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE OFFICER HIRING PROCESS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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- Q1.** How do I obtain an application to become a South Brunswick Township Police Officer?
- A1.** Applications will be made available on the department's website (www.sbpdnj.org).
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- Q2.** Do I need minimum qualifications to apply?
- A2.** The minimum educational and employment requirements are listed under the Recruiting Section of the department's website (www.sbpdnj.org). It is important to review them carefully along with the qualification information.
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- Q3.** I understand the background investigation to be a South Brunswick Police Officer is very involved. If I have been in trouble will I be automatically disqualified?
- A3.** A South Brunswick Police background investigation is very thorough and comprehensive. You are strongly encouraged to review the background investigation information listed at the "Selection Process" link before you consider applying.
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- Q4.** Does the South Brunswick Police Department accept lateral transfers?
- A4.** No. All applicants must apply and proceed through the selection process regardless of your current job training. However, if you have a NJ PTC Certification for Police Officer, you may not be required to attend an Academy again.
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- Q5.** What type of retirement plan do South Brunswick Police Officers have?
- A5.** South Brunswick Police Officers are enrolled in the NJ Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS), which has a wide variety of benefits depending on your years of service. More information is available at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/pfrs1.shtml>
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- Q6.** Does the South Brunswick Police Department have a residency requirement?
- A6.** No. The South Brunswick Police Department hires the best qualified applicants.
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- Q7.** If I served in the military, do I receive status of preference?
- A7.** The South Brunswick Police Department does not provide Veteran's Preference. However, unlike non-veteran applicants, veterans with 4 years of active duty military service and an honorable discharge may apply without 60 college credits.
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- Q8.** Can I take the test prior to my E.T.S. date from the military?
- A8.** Yes
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- Q9.** Can I stay in the military reserves if selected to the South Brunswick Police Department?
- A9.** Yes, but you must complete the academy and meet the necessary training requirements. Military leave is available for active reservists.
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Q10. If I qualify for the South Brunswick Police Department but serve in the military overseas, will the test be mailed to my commander to be proctored so I can proceed with the selection process?

A10. No, the test is proctored by members of the NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police and the South Brunswick Township Police Department to maintain the integrity of the test and fairness. You should make a request for authorization leave so you can take the test at the designated test sites.

Q11. How do I get college credits for my military schools and time served?

A11. If you have not done so already, request a military transcript of credits you have earned from your military service. Each service branch has its own system for recording military education and experiences.

Locate one of the many accredited colleges and universities that participate in offering life experience credits, as well as credits for certain military schools and courses. At your request, each service branch will send an official copy of your military transcript, which can be transcribed by the receiving institution.
