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## CHAPTER Saf-C 700 RULES FOR RAILROAD POLICE

Statutory Authority: RSA 21-P:14, II(p) and RSA 106-N:11

### PART Saf-C 701 DEFINITIONS

Saf-C 701.01 Chapter Definitions. The following terms shall be construed as set forth unless the text clearly indicates otherwise:

- (a) “Applicant” means a person intending to fulfill the statutory and administrative requirements to obtain an appointment within the meaning of RSA 106-N:2;
- (b) “Commissioner” means the commissioner of the department of safety or a designee thereof;
- (c) “Department” means the New Hampshire department of safety;
- (d) “Officer” means a person holding a valid commission as a railroad police officer; and
- (e) “Railroad” means “railroad” as defined in RSA 106-N:1.

### PART Saf-C 702 APPLICATION

Saf-C 702.01 Application: Where Available. Application forms for railroad police commission shall be made available at the office of the commissioner, James H. Hayes Building, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03305, or online at <https://www.dos.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt656/files/inline-documents/railroad-police-application.pdf>.

Saf-C 702.02 Application Data Required.

- (a) The chief of the railroad police, on behalf of an applicant, shall complete section I of form DSCO 2 “Request for Railroad Police Commission”, effective March 2026.
- (b) The chief of the railroad police shall affix the chief’s signature on form DSCO 2 and provide the date and his position. By providing their signature, the chief is declaring that the applicant listed in the application is currently employed and in good standing with the railroad and that the chief recommends the applicant for the commission of railroad police officer by the state of New Hampshire.
- (c) An applicant shall complete section II of form DSCO 2 “Request for Railroad Police Commission”, effective March 2026.
- (d) The applicant shall attach:
  - (1) A copy of either a diploma or a certificate of completion from a state approved basic police academy training program in this or another state; and
  - (2) A resume, or list on an attached piece of paper of all prior work experience in active law enforcement, including:

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- a. Employer's name;
- b. Employer's address;
- c. Employer's telephone number; and
- d. Dates of service.

(e) The applicant shall affix the date and their signature affirming, under penalties of unsworn falsification pursuant to RSA 641:3, that the contents of the application are true and correct to the best of their knowledge and that there is no current or pending charges or conditions that would disqualify the applicant from being commissioned as a railroad police officer.

(f) An authorized individual from the police standards and training council shall complete section III of form DSCO 2 "Request for Railroad Police Commission", effective March 2026. The authorized individual shall affix their signature, their position, and date. By providing their signature, the individual is declaring that the police standards and training council has reviewed the applicant's qualification and determined that the individual has successfully completed such training as the council determines for certification as a police officer in accordance with RSA 106-L.

Saf-C 702.03 Submitting the Application.

- (a) The application shall be submitted to the:

Office of the Commissioner, Department of Safety  
James H. Hayes Building  
33 Hazen Drive  
Concord, New Hampshire 03305.

(b) If an application is found to be incomplete, the applicant and the railroad shall be notified in writing within 30 days of the date the application is received by the department.

Saf-C 702.04 Cut-Off Date for Non-Certified Applicant. Pursuant to RSA 106-N:4, after August 21, 1979, no person shall be eligible for appointment as a railroad police officer unless such person is a certified police officer in accordance with RSA 106-L or the law of another state.

PART Saf-C 703 COMMISSIONS

Saf-C 703.01 Granting Commissions.

(a) Upon receipt of a completed application the commissioner shall, in a timely fashion but no later than 60 days after receiving the application, grant the railroad police commission so long as none of the conditions in Saf-C 704.01(a) exist and advise the applicant of a time to appear at the department, James H. Hayes Building, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03305.

(b) Upon personal appearance, an oath shall be administered and a certificate of commission issued to the applicant.

Saf-C 703.02 Certificate of Commission. The certificate of commission shall contain the following:

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- (a) Name of the railroad concerned;
- (b) Name and signature of the officer;
- (c) Name and signature of the commissioner;
- (d) The oath administered;
- (e) The date of the commission; and
- (f) The signature of the justice of the peace.

Saf-C 703.03 Termination of Authority.

(a) Pursuant to RSA 106-N:10, within 10 days after termination of employment of any railroad police officer, the railroad shall file notice of termination at the:

Office of the Commissioner  
Department of Safety  
James H. Hayes Building  
33 Hazen Drive  
Concord, New Hampshire 03305.

(b) Notices of termination filed with the commissioner shall include:

- (1) The name of the former officer;
- (2) The date of termination;
- (3) The name of the railroad; and
- (4) The signature and name of the chief police officer.

Saf-C 703.04 Rescission of Authority.

(a) Upon receipt of the notice of termination, the commissioner shall:

- (1) Rescind the former officer's commission; and
- (2) Give notice to the former officer thereof.

(b) The former officer shall return the certificate of commission to the department within 7 days.

PART Saf-C 704 RESCINDING AUTHORITY

Saf-C 704.01 Rescinding Authority for Cause.

(a) The commissioner shall, after opportunity for hearing as prescribed in Saf-C 200, rescind an officer's commission upon finding:

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- (1) That, subsequent to commission, an officer has been convicted of a criminal offense in this or any other jurisdiction;
- (2) That an officer has engaged in any activities that are contrary to the public's safety or to the orderly administration of justice;
- (3) That the officer's chief police officer so recommends, in writing, the reasons an officer's commission should be rescinded;
- (4) That the officer has refused or neglected to complete any mandatory training programs required by the New Hampshire police standards and training council pursuant to its statute or administrative rules; or
- (5) The officer is no longer certified, in accordance with RSA 106-L:5 or the equivalent law of another state, or whose certification has been suspended or revoked by the law enforcement training and certification agency in this or another state.

Saf-C 704.02 Return of Certification Required.

(a) In the event that a commission is rescinded, the former officer shall return the certificate of commission to the commissioner.

(b) Such a person shall be ineligible for a new commission unless the commissioner, after a hearing as prescribed in Saf-C 200, finds that the person should again be commissioned in accordance with this chapter.

(c) Such person shall not be eligible for a hearing, as prescribed in (b) above, for a period of one year from the original rescission of authority.

PART Saf-C 705 RULES OF CONDUCT

Saf-C 705.01 Identification.

(a) Railroad police officers shall give their name, rank, and duty station to any person who requests such identifying information while on duty, except when serving in an undercover capacity.

(b) Railroad police officers shall not allow:

- (1) Any other person to use the railroad police officer's badge;
- (2) Any other person to use any other means of personal identification belonging to the railroad police officer; or
- (3) Such badge or identification to be reproduced.

Saf-C 705.02 Cooperation with Other Law Enforcement Agencies.

(a) Railroad police officers shall cooperate fully at all times with state police, county sheriffs, and local police departments when working within the jurisdiction of such department.

(b) Railroad police officers shall:

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- (1) Not conceal evidence of any crime from another law enforcement agency; and
- (2) Report all crimes discovered by them to the state police and the appropriate local police agency having jurisdiction.

Saf-C 705.03 Rule Violations.

(a) The commissioner shall, after an opportunity for hearing as prescribed in Saf-C 200, suspend an officer's commission on finding that an officer has engaged in any activities that constitute a violation of this chapter.

(b) Such commission shall be suspended for a period not to exceed one year from the date of hearing.

### APPENDIX

| Rule                  | Statute                                |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Saf-C 701.01          | RSA 106-N:1; RSA 106-N:11              |
| Saf-C 702.01          | RSA 106-N:1; RSA 106-N:2               |
| Saf-C 702.02          | RSA 106-N:4; RSA 541-A:19-b            |
| Saf-C 702.03          | RSA 106-N:2; RSA 541-A:16, I(a)        |
| Saf-C 702.04          | RSA 106-N:4                            |
| Saf-C 703.01          | RSA 106-N:1; RSA 106-N:2               |
| Saf-C 703.02          | RSA 106-N:2; RSA 541-A:16, I(a)        |
| Saf-C 703.03 & 703.04 | RSA 106-N:10                           |
| Saf-C 704.01          | RSA 541-A:30; RSA 106-N:10             |
| Saf-C 704.02          | RSA 106-N:2; RSA 106-N:10              |
| Saf-C 705.01          | RSA 106-N:2; RSA 106-N:7; RSA 106-N:12 |
| Saf-C 705.02          | RSA 106-N:5; RSA 106-N:15              |
| Saf-C 705.03          | RSA 106-N:2; RSA 541-A:30              |



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**REQUEST FOR RAILROAD POLICE COMMISSION**

**I. TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE RAILROAD**

Please Print Clearly or Type

Name of Railroad: \_\_\_\_\_

New Hampshire principle office location and each branch office: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address – Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby declare that the applicant listed herein is currently employed and in good standing with the above railroad. My signature below is evidence of my recommendation of the applicant for the commission of railroad police officer by the state of New Hampshire.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE APPLICANT**

NAME - Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First/MI: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address – Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a resume or list on an attached piece of paper showing all prior work experience in active law enforcement, including employer's name, address, telephone number and dates of service

Are you currently certified as a police officer, pursuant to NHRSA 106-L?

(If you have responded in the affirmative, please attach a copy of the certificate.)

☐ Yes

☐ No

I hereby declare and affirm, under penalties of unsworn falsification pursuant to NHRSA 641:3, that the contents of this application are true, correct to the best of my knowledge, and further, that there are no pending charges or conditions that would disqualify me from being commissioned as a railroad police officer.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. TO BE FILLED OUT BY POLICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL**

I hereby declare that Police Standards and Training Council has reviewed the qualifications of \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant) and has determined that the individual has successfully completed such education and training as the Council determines for certification as a police officer in accordance with NHRSA 106-L:6.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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