

# CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT



## RECRUITING FAQ

Q: Are you currently hiring/testing?

A: We hire police recruits and lateral police officers on an ongoing basis.

Q: What are the minimum requirements?

A:

- Be 21 years of age with a high school diploma (no upper age limit).
- Have vision correctable to 20/40 and be physically fit.
- Have a valid California driver's license.
- Be a U.S. citizen or obtain citizenship within three years of applying.
- Have good moral character.

Q: Where is the police academy?

A: Selected candidates will attend a six-month regional police academy at Miramar College. Uniforms, equipment, and books will be provided.

Q: What is the testing process?

A:

- The written examination includes reading comprehension, English grammar, sentence structure, vocabulary, and spelling.
- A Physical Agility Test (PAT) is required for police officer recruits; 1.5 mile run within 14 minutes; obstacle course within 3:30 minutes.
- An oral interview.
- A background check, to include truth verification, psychological examination, and medical examination.

Q: What should I study for the written exam?

A:

- The public library or local bookstores have literature on Entry Level Law Enforcement Officer examinations.
- Improving reading comprehension is a key component of the exam.
- Read each question carefully. Choose the best possible answer. Try to answer every question; those left blank will be incorrect.
- For more information, visit [www.post.ca.gov](http://www.post.ca.gov).

Q: How long does it take to get hired?

A: Completion of the hiring process averages between four to six months.

