

Number of applicants the Director cuts and reasons why

In responding to this question, the Department wishes to underscore that each applicant is evaluated on his or her own merits based on all relevant information received.

A total of thirty-one candidates were rejected by the Director from the last four Basic Highway Patrol classes (2015-16 and 2016-17, Basic Class Nos. 97, 98, 99 and 100).

The following were identified as factoring into the decision to reject these applicants:

Polygraph Issues (e.g., deception indicated; suspected countermeasures/"no opinion" results)	17
Past/Current Employment Issues (e.g., termination for cause; resignation in lieu of termination for cause; suspension(s) or other disciplinary action(s) by current/former employer; receipt of undocumented income; negative reference(s); theft for personal gain from employer/customers or providing employer's good/services to others without payment; hostile act(s) toward supervisors)	15
Past Military Service Issues (e.g., going AWOL)	1
Inappropriate Social Media Content	2
Criminal Activity (e.g., commission of crime [undetected]; multiple license suspensions; lying to law enforcement; former gang member)	7
Illegal Drug Use/Voluntary Association With Users (evaluated on a case-by-case basis)	2
Universally Poor Review by Oral Interview Board Members	2

NOTE: The total number of factors exceeds the number of applicants because some candidates had multiple factors apply to them.