

**1030. CERTIFICATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CANINE
CERTIFYING OFFICIAL**

- (1) In order to certify Law Enforcement Canines in the State of Arkansas, a person must be certified by CLEST as a Law Enforcement Canine Certifying Official.
- (2) A person may be certified as a Dual Purpose Certifying Official or a Single Purpose Certifying Official.
 - (a) A Dual Purpose Certification will be issued to a person who is trained to certify Law Enforcement Canines in narcotics/explosives and patrol work.
 - (b) A Single Purpose Certification will be issued to a person who is trained to certify Law Enforcement Canines in narcotics/explosives work only.
 - (c) A Dual Purpose Certifying Official may certify a Single Purpose Canine, but a Single Purpose Certifying Official may not certify a Dual Purpose Canine.
- (3) A person desiring to become a Law Enforcement Canine Certifying Official must submit an application to the Commission.
- (4) An applicant for Law Enforcement Canine Certifying Official Certification must be a Certified Law Enforcement or Corrections Officer in the State of Arkansas.
- (5) Applicants who are certified as Law Enforcement or Corrections Officers must have completed a CLEST approved Instructor Development Course.
- (6) Applicants must have five (5) years of experience as a Dual or Single Purpose Canine Officer, or be actively serving as a certifying official with a nationally recognized police canine organization to qualify as a Certifying Official in that respective field.
- (7) All applicants for Law Enforcement Canine Certifying Official Certification must attend the eight (8) hour Certifying Official Course.
- (8) All Applicants must conduct the certification process for each Law Enforcement Canine in accordance Arkansas Certifications Requirements approved by CLEST.