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# TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

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## Technical Assistance Bulletin

To: All Texas Law Enforcement Agency Heads and Licensees  
From: Kenny Merchant/Director, Credentialing and Field Services  
Regarding: **Implementing New Basic Licensing Courses**  
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The need to update Basic Licensing Course curriculums is obvious- statutes and Rules change, procedures and methodologies are improved and even instructional methods change. It is in Law Enforcement's best interest to stay current on all fronts. A State-wide change from one curriculum to another is not an easy task, however, and must be structured to allow ALL agencies some flexibility in adopting the new curriculum. What works for one, may not work for another. It would be ludicrous to impose a moratorium on new academies until all current academies are completed, then mandate a new curriculum that all new academies must use. Academies across the State are all in different stages of planning/conducting academies, so a method for implementation which can be used by all must be determined.

To that end, it has been determined that when a new Basic licensing course curriculum is completed, the Commission will post the curriculum on our website as early as possible to allow agencies to begin the process of adapting to the new course. At the time of posting, or shortly thereafter, the Commission will also announce a specific date when the new curriculum **MUST** be used by any newly starting academy. Any course started before that date may continue to use the previous curriculum. State Licensing Exams will be adjusted so that the Exam will match the licensing course which the academy completes and reports.

Many academies that are already in progress with the old curriculum when the new curriculum is released would like to include elements of the new curriculum. The Commission applauds them for doing so, but warns that there are some additional tasks that must take place to insure the cadets get the proper credit. Any additions should not replace existing curriculum and must be reported separately from the licensing course. For example, an agency that chose to incorporate the Mental Health for Jailers (4900) into the old BCOC (1007), prior to the release of the current BCOC (1120) would have reported that course on a separate roster. Under the new BCOC (1120) that would not be necessary, as 4900 is part of the curriculum. If the additions are courses which are required for other purposes, like for Proficiency Certification, the course must be reported under that particular course number, and not under an academy addendum.

In rare circumstances, as with the new 40 hour Crisis Intervention Course (1850), the Legislature will mandate a change to an existing course in an academy. As mentioned above, many agencies, already teaching the current BPOC (1000643) would like to teach the new CIT, rather than the old, soon to be obsolete 16 hour CIT from the current curriculum. In order to facilitate this, the Commission has created an interim BPOC course number- 1000667. This number may be used by academies that forego the old 16 hour CIT and teach the new 40 hour CIT, in its place, while still instructing the remainder of the 1000643 curriculum.