TITLE 10 PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
CHAPTER 28 LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING
PART 6 COURSE ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES

10.28.6.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico Law Enforcement Standards and Training Council, 4491 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507
[10.28.6.1 NMAC - N, 11/3/2026]

10.28.6.2 SCOPE: All persons, agencies, and organizations, whether public or private, that offer law enforcement training or public safety telecommunicator training and seek accreditation through the academy.
[10.28.6.2 NMAC - N, 11/3/2026]

10.28.6.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Paragraph 1 of Subsection E of Section 29-7-4 NMSA 1978
[10.28.6.3 NMAC - N, 11/3/2026]

10.28.6.4 DURATION: Permanent
[10.28.6.4 NMAC - N, 11/3/2026]

10.28.6.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: November 3, 2026, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
[10.28.6.5 NMAC - N, 11/3/2026]

10.28.6.6 OBJECTIVE: The purpose of Part 6 is to establish guidelines for the submission and accreditation of law enforcement and public safety telecommunicator classes through the Law Enforcement Academy.
[10.28.6.6 NMAC - N, 11/3/2026]

10.28.6.7 DEFINITIONS: [Reserved]
[10.28.6.7 NMAC - N, 11/3/2026]

10.28.6.8 JUSTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION: The council will prepare guidelines to be used to evaluate proposed training. Such guidelines shall be updated as necessary by the council.
[10.28.6.8 NMAC - N, 11/3/2026]

10.28.6.9 COURSE ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES

A. The academy shall establish procedures for the submission and accreditation of law enforcement and public safety telecommunicator training classes. Accredited classes may be used to obtain and maintain law enforcement officer and public safety telecommunicator certification.

B. Any class that creates a standardized statewide curriculum shall be approved by the council.

C. When accrediting classes, the academy has the authority to review course materials to ensure that the curriculum includes learning objectives, a detailed lesson plan describing the specific material the instructor intends to teach, citations to source materials supporting the course content, and alignment with any standardized statewide curriculum established or approved by the council.

D. Course materials, any testing material the instructor intends to use, and instructor information must be submitted to the academy no less than 30 days before the anticipated start of a class. This packet may be submitted by email, by registered mail with a return receipt, or by some other means that documents when the packet was sent to the academy.

E. If the academy denies the accreditation of a class, the academy shall communicate the reason in writing to the individual who submitted the class for accreditation.

F. The academy has 30 days to accredit or deny accreditation.

(1) If the academy has not accredited or provided a written denial of course accreditation within the 30-day period, the class may still be taught with the accreditation number being added retroactively once the class is accredited, as long as the class is taught 30 days or more after the submission date.

(2) If the academy denies an accreditation for a course that has been taught at or beyond the 30-day submission date, the instructor shall communicate in writing with each student within five business days after the class is denied.

(3) If the academy denies an accreditation for a course that has been taught at or beyond the 30-day submission date, and the instructor corrects the identified deficiencies, the course shall be accredited retroactively to the date of submission.

G. Any disagreement with an academy decision regarding course accreditation may be sent to the chair of the council as a request for consideration as a meeting agenda item.

H. The instructor can use any instructional modality, including but not limited to in-person training, online training, or a hybrid of in-person and online training, to teach a class, as long as the modality for teaching a particular class is not specifically required in statute. A course does not have to be reaccredited if the instructor changes the teaching modality during the period that the class is accredited, as long as the curriculum does not change.

I. Classes must be reaccredited every two years.

J. The academy shall make changes to any council-approved statewide curricula when the academy is notified of changes to state or federal law that affect a particular class. The academy shall provide this updated curriculum to instructors upon request. The academy shall notify the council of any and all changes made.

[10.28.6.9 NMAC - N, 11/3/2026]

History of 10.28.6 NMAC: [RESERVED]