



# Checklist - Nebraska Credentialing Process



It is suggested that all state, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies receiving, expecting to receive or exploring receiving grant funding from DOJ either directly or as a sub-awardee apply for credentialing. Eligibility for some funding types requires credentialing and this may be expanded in the future. This does not apply to tribal law enforcement agencies.

Agencies must be certified or in the process of being certified by January 31, 2021.

- Send an email to [don.arp@nebraska.gov](mailto:don.arp@nebraska.gov) stating if your agency will pursue credentialed status or if it has elected not to pursue credentialed status.
- Review your agency policies for compliance with the following Safe Policing Principles:
  - Adherence to applicable laws. The applying agency maintains use of force policies that adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws.
  - Prohibition of choke holds. The applying agency maintains use of force policies that prohibit the use of choke holds, except in situations where the use of deadly force is allowed by law.
    - “Choke Hold” is defined by DOJ as a physical maneuver or technique that restricts an individual’s ability to breathe for the purpose of incapacitation.
- Once you determine your policies are in compliance, download the Statement of Declaration from the Commission website.
- Complete the Statement of Declaration. Agencies need only submit the completed Statement as evidence of compliance.
- Send completed Declarations to: Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice  
P.O. Box 94946  
301 Centennial Mall South  
Lincoln, NE 68509  
  
or  
  
[Don.arp@nebraska.gov](mailto:Don.arp@nebraska.gov)

**Your Declaration will be reviewed to make sure it is complete and a Credentialing Letter issued to your agency once PSAC has approved the final list of credentialed agencies.**