



VICTORIA POLICE

Prior History

To be eligible for consideration for appointment to Victoria Police, applicants must be of good character and repute and will be assessed against the character and reputation assessment standards. Applicants will be assessed according to criminal, driving and other probity check history.

Certain types of incidents and offences will represent automatic exclusions from the process, a summary follows;

- Imprisonment – Any term of imprisonment including suspended sentences.
- Indictable Offences – Includes offences such as theft, deception, criminal damage, serious assaults of any type and other serious offences; **may** be eligible after 10 years if the offence was committed as a child, and the offence was of a minor nature. Includes all findings of guilt including convictions, cautions, diversions, good behaviour bonds and without conviction findings.
- Summary Offence involving dishonesty, assault or property damage or any other summary offence on more than two occasions in preceding five years.
- Intervention order(s) – current interim intervention order, current full intervention order or previous full order within the last five years; **may** be eligible within 5 years if applicant has been granted an exemption from being a prohibited person under the Firearms Act, 1996.
- False or misleading information – an applicant who deliberately supplies false, incomplete or misleading information in an attempt to gain entry to Victoria Police will be deemed to be automatically disqualified from further consideration.
- Outstanding warrants or court orders at time of induction as a police recruit.
- Currently under investigation, charged or awaiting criminal proceedings.

- Undischarged bankrupt.
- Been a director of a company that has been declared, or been made, insolvent within the last five years.
- Infringement notices for other than traffic related offences – will be assessed on their nature, frequency and overall circumstances.

Traffic offences

- Drink driving – 0.1% or over in the previous 10 years or between .05 & .1% in the previous 5 years, taken from the date of the offence.
- Any licence suspension in the preceding 5 years for Police or 2 years for PSO taken from the date of the end of the licence suspension period.
- Driving whilst licence suspended, cancelled or disqualified or other serious traffic offences in the previous 10 years taken from the date of the offence
- 12 month demerit bond due to accumulation of points – in the preceding 2 years for Police and 1 year for PSO, taken from the date of completion of the bond
- Minor traffic offences/parking – number and frequency will be taken into account
- Demerit points – an applicant with up to 7 points may be eligible to apply

The prior history of all applicants is considered holistically, on a case by case basis when assessments under the character and reputation provisions are made in the context of the Recruiting Policy. Consideration is given to the fact that Protective Services Officers are not involved in the enforcement of driving related offences when assessing the prior history of Protective Services Officer applicants.

If in doubt, submit a **Voluntary Disclosure Form**.