

New Jersey State Police



What's in it for You?

It's Not just a Career Choice, It's a Community Choice.



Extraordinary Career Benefits

As a state-of-the-art law enforcement agency that offers more than 120 career paths, the New Jersey State Police will demand the best of your intelligence, character, and stamina. The pride and satisfaction that come from a job well done and from helping your fellow citizens are often the first rewards that come to troopers' minds. But the New Jersey State Police complements these intangible rewards with a strong compensation package. The State Police offers a competitive starting salary, a sound health benefits package, a generous life insurance plan, and strong retirement options.*

*Salary and benefits are contractual and subject to the state appropriations process.

Starting Salary

The current starting salary for a trooper is \$58,748.24 (including allowances). The second-year total compensation jumps to \$65,662.39. Troopers also receive yearly increments. Top pay for a Trooper I is \$101,872.02. All recruits receive \$777.78 every two weeks, plus overtime pay. Room and board are also provided while in training.

Work Schedule

Troopers typically work a 40-hour week on a variety of schedules. Overtime is voluntary, except in unusual circumstances, and is rewarded with premium pay or compensation time.

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Minimum Requirements to Apply

Education

Candidates must have (1) a bachelor's degree OR (2) alternatively, an associate's degree or 60 college credits, plus at least two years of satisfactory employment OR, (3) alternatively, have completed 30 college credits from an accredited college or university plus at least two years of active duty military service with an honorable discharge.

Age

All applicants must be at least 21 years old and must not reach their 35th birthday prior to the graduation date of their State Police class.

Citizenship & Residency

Only citizens of the United States are eligible for appointment to the New Jersey State Police Academy. You must be a resident of New Jersey at the time that you graduate from the State Police Academy.

Driver's License

Applicants must have a current valid automobile driver's license at the time that background investigations begin.

Background

Applicants must have a good reputation and be of sound moral character. Factors that can disqualify you for the position of New Jersey State Trooper are listed in the application. An applicant's background will be carefully investigated and the answers that are supplied on the application and written examination are subject to verification. An applicant

who has intentionally made a false statement or practiced, or attempted to practice, any deception or fraud in their initial application, in any examination, interview, application, or in securing eligibility for appointment may be rejected from the selection process. Any intentional misstatement of fact is reason for disqualification for employment, and may be punished by law.

Selection Process

The selection process is a competitive one consisting of an initial application screening, physical qualification test, written examination, qualifications evaluation, and background investigation. Upon receipt of a conditional offer of employment, a medical examination and a psychological evaluation will be conducted. Applicants are also required to complete a two-day (consecutive/overnight) instructional weekend program. Appointment to the New Jersey State Police Academy is contingent upon a number of factors, including the availability of funded positions and approval by the Superintendent of State Police.

Physical Qualification Test (PQT)

The Physical Qualification Test (PQT) Battery will consist of the following timed tests: 75 Yard Pursuit Run, Push Ups, Sit Ups, and 1.5 Mile Run. Applicants unable to pass the PQT will be disqualified from the current selection process. Please visit the PQT link on the New Jersey State Police website www.njsp.org for a detailed description of each test.

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New Jersey State Police Physical Qualification Test (PQT)

Scoring:

- For each test, the point value corresponding to the applicant's test score will be used.
 - Sum the four point values and compare the applicant's combined point total to the passing score.
 - If the applicant's combined point total is equal to 20 points or higher, the applicant has passed the test battery.
 - If the applicant's combined point total is equal to 19 points or less, the applicant has failed the test battery.
- NOTE: Applicants must obtain at least one (1) point on each of the four tests. If an Applicant obtains "0" points on any of the four tests, he or she fails the test battery regardless of their scores on the remaining tests.

Points	Push Ups	Sit Ups	1.5 Mile Run	75 Yard Run Best Trial
0	17 or less	20 or less	14:27 or more	19.6 or more
1	18-19	21-22	14:26-14:18	19.5
2	20-21	23-24	14:17-14:09	19.4-19.3
3	22-23	25-26	14:08-14:00	19.2-19.1
4	24-26	27-29	13:59- 13:51	19.0-18.9
5	27-32	30-34	13:50- 13:00	18.8-18.5
6	33-46	35-48	12:59- 11:32	18.4-17.4
7	47 or more	49 or more	11:31 or less	17.3 or less

Criteria for Becoming a New Jersey State Trooper

All qualified candidates will be considered for employment. The State of New Jersey and New Jersey State Police are Equal Opportunity Employers.

When applications are available, interested parties will apply by visiting www.njsp.org for filing instructions.

The New Jersey State Police application process is designed to identify highly qualified candidates. After each stage of the selection process, only those applicants meeting the

extremely high standards of the New Jersey State Police will continue in the application process.

Before you begin the process of applying for a trooper position, you should know that:

- Applicants must not have been convicted of an indictable offense or have had an indictable conviction expungement, or conviction of any offense involving domestic violence.

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- Applicants must be of high moral character and free of any recent major or habitual violations of the law, including drug usage or other activities or associations that would affect their credibility as a police officer. Applicants, within the past ten years, must not have possessed or used any illegal drug or drugs, including anabolic steroids, other than those prescribed or provided by a physician or purchased over the counter, or have used marijuana or hashish within the past three years.
- Applicants must not have been adjudicated by a court or found by an employer to have violated any person's civil rights in this State or any other State.
- Applicants must not have been convicted of driving while intoxicated two times in his/her lifetime or once within the past five years in this State or any other State.
- Applicants must not have been dishonorably discharged from any branch of military service or law enforcement agency.
- Applicants must not have ever renounced their United States citizenship.
- Applicants must not have been terminated or asked to resign from a public office, position, or government employment for misconduct involving such public office, position, or employment.

When you complete the initial application you will be required to answer these and similar questions related to the minimal qualifications for employment. You will be afforded the opportunity to provide answers to each question. If you are unsure of how these criteria for qualification apply to you, please contact a State Police Recruiter at 1-877-NJSP-877.

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Holidays, Vacation and Sick Leave

▼ There are 13 paid holidays a year.

▼ Troopers are allotted one vacation day per month in the first year of service, as well as three personal days per year. The initial vacation allotment of 12 days increases after a trooper has been on the job for five years and increases at regular intervals.

▼ Sick leave is allotted.

Health Benefits

Members of the State Police and their eligible dependents are offered two options for medical coverage, two options for dental coverage, and a prescription drug plan. More information can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/shbp.htm.

The two options for medical coverage are:

▼ Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)
The two HMO plans are administered by Aetna HMO and Cigna HealthCare HMO. The HMOs have participating providers from which you must select a Primary Care Physician (PCP). That Physician coordinates all of your care. Referrals must be obtained from your PCP in order for you to visit a specialist. The co-payment for HMO in-network primary doctor visits and visits to a referred specialist is \$10.

▼ NJ Plus (Preferred Provider Organization)
Combining features from the traditional and HMO systems, this plan allows you to choose from a network of physicians, covers 100 percent of services in network, and requires a \$10

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co-payment for services. NJ Plus combines managed care with option to get reimbursed (30% / 70%) for services performed out of the NJ Plus network of physicians, hospitals, or laboratories.

Dental Coverage

The Employee Dental Plans are offered to active State employees and their eligible dependents as a separate dental benefit. The offered enrollment is in one of two basic types of dental plan: one of several Dental Plan Organizations (DPOs) or the Dental Expense Plan.

Prescription Plan

Under the plan offered to troopers and their eligible dependants, generic drugs require a co-payment of only \$3. Brand name drugs without generic equivalents require a co-payment of \$10. Brand name drugs with generic equivalent require a co-payment of \$25.

Leaves of Absence

Leaves of absence encompass all approved leaves with or without pay. These include:

- ▼ Approved leave of absence for illness
- ▼ Approved leave of absence other than illness
- ▼ Family Leave Act (Federal and State)
- ▼ Furlough
- ▼ Workers' Compensation
- ▼ Suspension (COBRA continuation only)

Deferred Compensation Plans

Members are eligible to participate in a deferred compensation plan or supplemental annuity collective trust plan in order to supplement retirement income.

Life Insurance

Enlisted members are covered by a group Life Insurance Policy that provides 3 1/2 times their final average salaries in a lump sum to beneficiaries.

Retirement Package

The State Police Retirement System is overseen by a Board of Trustees, which includes two members of the State Police. When a trooper retires, he or she can take advantage of a comprehensive retirement plan. The plan offers a wide variety of benefits, depending on years of service. More information can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/sprsl.htm.

Mandatory Retirement

Every enlisted member of the State Police must retire by age 55 except the Superintendent.

Pension

▼ Enrollment in the State Police Retirement System (SPRS) is a condition of employment. Your employee contribution will be 7 1/2 percent of your annual salary. (Note: You will not pay pension contributions on your maintenance allowance, but it will count towards your final compensation for pension purposes.)

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▼ **Service Retirement:** After 20 years of service as a New Jersey State Trooper, you are eligible to receive a pension, regardless of age, consisting of 50% of your final compensation.

▼ **Special Retirement:** After 25 years of service as a New Jersey State Trooper, you are eligible to receive a pension, regardless of age, consisting of 65% of your final compensation plus 1% for each year above 25 years. The maximum benefit that you can receive under a special retirement is 70% of your final compensation.

▼ **Deferred Retirement:** Troopers who serve for 10 years and then terminate their employment before qualifying for a service retirement are vested and thereby eligible for a pension benefit at age 55. The benefit is 2% of final compensation for each year of SPRS service.

▼ **Optional Purchase of Former Membership:** You can purchase former membership from a New Jersey State administered pension plan (e.g. PERS, TPAF, PFRS) that could increase your retirement benefit. This service cannot be used to qualify for a Special or Service Retirement. However, it can be used to compute your retirement allowance on the basis of 1% of final compensation for each year of such service credit.

State Paid Health Benefits

▼ Troopers who attain 25 years of service in the SPRS are entitled to State paid health benefits in retirement according to the terms of the bargaining agreement in effect at the time they reach 25 years of service. The current agreement covering State Troopers does not require any cost sharing by the Troopers.

▼ Troopers who do not attain 25 years of service in the SPRS before they retire or terminate employment may qualify for State paid health benefits in retirement if they have purchased former membership from a New Jersey State administered pension plan. The former membership purchased and the SPRS time must add up to 25 or more years to qualify.

▼ Troopers who do not obtain a total of 25 years of state service will be afforded continuous State health benefits covered at a group rate.

Pension Benefits and Disability

If a trooper retires because of a job-related accidental disability, he or she receives a pension equal to two-thirds of his or her final compensation. If a trooper retires as a result of a non-job-related disability, he or she is eligible for a pension of no less than 40 percent of his or her final compensation.

Information or questions regarding your eligibility for any retirement benefit should be directed to the Division of State Police, Human Resources Management Bureau at (609) 882-2000 ext. 2620.

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More than 120 Career Paths

An Organization You Can Grow With

One of the remarkable aspects of the New Jersey State Police as a law enforcement agency is the diversity of its career paths. After spending a period of four years on average performing road patrol functions, troopers may be able to choose from among the many specialty assignments available. From crime scene investigation to community policing, from aviation to marine law enforcement, from forensics to communications, the New Jersey State Police has a specialty area that is sure to suit your unique skills and interests. Some of the specialty units and areas are listed as follows:

- ▼ Alcoholic Drug Testing Unit
- ▼ Armorer Unit
- ▼ Arson/Bomb Squad
- ▼ Auditing and Grant Management
- ▼ Auto Unit
- ▼ Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Unit
- ▼ Aviation Unit
- ▼ Ballistics Unit
- ▼ Budget Operations Bureau
- ▼ Commercial Vehicle/Bus Inspection Unit
- ▼ Canine Unit
- ▼ Cargo Theft and Robbery Unit
- ▼ Casino Investigations Unit
- ▼ Commercial Carrier/Safety Insp. Unit
- ▼ Communications Bureau
- ▼ Composite Drawing Unit

- ▼ Construction Unit
- ▼ Counter Terrorism Bureau
- ▼ Crime Scene Investigation Units
- ▼ Criminal Records Unit
- ▼ Criminal Justice Records Bureau
- ▼ Criminal Investigation Bureau
- ▼ Diesel Emissions Unit
- ▼ Digital Technology Investigation Unit
- ▼ Domestic Preparedness/
Emergency Response Planning Unit
- ▼ Electronic Surveillance Unit
- ▼ Emergency Management Section
- ▼ Equal Employment Opportunity/
Affirmative Action Bureau
- ▼ Equine Testing Unit
- ▼ Evidence Management Unit
- ▼ Executive Protection Unit
- ▼ Fatal Accident Unit
- ▼ Field Operations Section
- ▼ Firearms Investigations Unit
- ▼ Fiscal Control Bureau
- ▼ Forensic Photography Unit
- ▼ Forensic Science Bureau
- ▼ Fugitive Unit
- ▼ Hazardous Materials Transportation
Enforcement Unit
- ▼ High Technology Crimes and
Investigations Support Unit
- ▼ Identification & Information Technology
Section
- ▼ Intelligence Management Bureau
- ▼ Internal Affairs Investigation Bureau
- ▼ Investigations Unit

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Career Paths *continued*

- ▼ Joint Terrorism Task Force
- ▼ Major Crime Unit
- ▼ Management Review Unit
- ▼ Marine Services Unit
- ▼ Medical Services Unit
- ▼ Microcomputer Database Development Unit
- ▼ Micrographics Unit
- ▼ Missing Persons Unit
- ▼ Motor Vehicle Racing Control Unit
- ▼ Narcotics and Organized Crime Bureau
- ▼ Office of Professional Standards
- ▼ Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services
- ▼ Official Corruption Unit
- ▼ Organized Crime Unit
- ▼ Planning Bureau
- ▼ Polygraph Unit
- ▼ Private Detective Unit
- ▼ Programming Unit
- ▼ Public Information Unit
- ▼ Racetrack Unit
- ▼ Radio Electronics Maintenance Unit
- ▼ Radiological Emergency Response Planning and Technical Unit
- ▼ Records Management Unit
- ▼ Recruiting/Museum and Learning Center Unit
- ▼ Research and Development Unit
- ▼ Response and Recovery Unit
- ▼ Selection Process Unit
- ▼ Solid Hazardous Waste Unit
- ▼ Special Investigations Unit
- ▼ Sports Complex Unit
- ▼ State Governmental Security Bureau
- ▼ State Bureau of Identification
- ▼ Street Gang Unit
- ▼ T.E.A.M.S. (Technical Emergency and Mission Specialists)
- ▼ Telecommunications Unit
- ▼ Traffic Bureau
- ▼ Training Academy
- ▼ Uniform Crime Reporting/Crime Statistics
- ▼ Urban Community Outreach
- ▼ Victim Services Unit
- ▼ Witness Relocation Unit

For More Information

Contact the Division of State Police at
609-882-2000, extension 6400
or call toll-free: 1-877-NJSP-877
to speak to a Recruiter.

More information is available by
attending a Career Night or visiting the
New Jersey State Police website at
www.njsp.org.