

Amendments to LESC Rules

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The Commission on Statewide Law Enforcement Standards of Conduct and Discipline (the LESC) reviewed existing LESC rules for clarity and sufficiency of definitions; whether presumptive, maximum and minimum sanctions were appropriate, and to consider stakeholder feedback and comments received on those rules. Through that careful review process, the commission identified the following rules for revision:

1) OAR 265-010-0015 Unjustified or Excessive Use of Physical or Deadly Force;

The Commission voted to amend the rule to broaden the range of cases to which the rule would apply beyond only those resulting in death or serious physical injury, and to adjust the range of sanctions.

2) OAR 265-010-0001 Sexual Assault;

The Commission voted to amend the rule to separate sexual assault that constitutes a sex crime from sexual assault that does not, and to accordingly adjust the sanctions for each category.

3) OAR 265-010-0010 Assault;

The Commission voted to amend the rule to define conduct that would result in a mandatory sanction of termination from conduct to which a range of potential discipline could apply.

4) OAR 265-010-0025 Moral Character.

The Commission voted to amend the rule to add an additional type of Misuse of Authority to the existing “misuse of authority for financial gain.” The new language also includes “Misuse of authority by soliciting or engaging in sexual acts or favors of a sexual nature.”

5) OAR 265-005-0001 Definitions

The Definitions rule was amended and renumbered to align with the previous rule changes, including adding some not previously defined:

- “Excessive force”
- “Knowingly” or “with knowledge”
- “Misuse of Authority by soliciting or engaging in sexual acts or favors of a sexual nature”
- “Non-Disciplinary Corrective Actions”
- “Recklessly.”

One definition was amended to align with definitions in Rule rather than in statute:

- “Intentionally” or “with intent.”

For a detailed, tracked description of changes, see the LESC [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#).