

GEORGE STONE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING CENTER Florida Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT)



The CJBAT was developed to ensure that trainees entering into Florida certified criminal justice training centers possess the requisite abilities to master the curricula and understand the materials that are presented to them in training.

The following are the areas of measurement included in the CJBAT

- <u>Written Comprehension</u> Involves reading and understanding written words and sentences. Used when reading legal bulletins.
- <u>Written Expression</u> Involves writing words and sentences so others will understand. Used to write incident/use of force/discipline reports, etc.
- **Oral Expression** Involves speaking words and sentences so others will understand. Used when talking to inmates, coworkers, supervisors, etc.
- **<u>Problem Sensitivity</u>** The ability to tell if something is wrong or likely to go wrong. Used when patrolling or interacting with individuals and you think that a situation is going to deteriorate or get worse.
- <u>Inductive Reasoning</u> Ability to combine separate pieces of information, or specific answers to problems to form general rules or conclusions. Used when performing any type of investigation to conclude that rules or laws have been violated.
- <u>Deductive Reasoning</u> Ability to apply rules to specific problems to come up with logical answers. Used when applying Florida Manual on Jail Standards, policies, etc.
- <u>Information Ordering</u> Ability to correctly follow a rule or set of rules in order to arrange things or actions in a certain order. Used when making an arrest/issuing a warrant or transporting prisoners, etc.
- <u>Spatial Orientation</u> Ability to tell where you are in relation to the location of some object, or to tell where the object is in relation to you. Used when out in the community patrolling and a call comes in that you must attend to.
- <u>Visualization</u> Ability to image how something will look when it is moved around or when its parts are removed or rearranged. This ability requires the forming of mental images of how patterns or objects would look after certain changes. You would use this ability when field stripping a weapon for cleaning or deciding how faces would look with changes in hairstyles or age.





- <u>Selective Attention</u> Ability to concentrate on a task without getting distracted. Used when sitting in a patrol car doing paperwork and the radio is on, or as a correctional officer, doing a security check and there is a lot of commotion in the background. Suicide watch/sitting post.
- **<u>Flexibility of Closure</u>** Ability to identify or detect a know pattern (a figure, word, object) that is hidden in other material. Used when performing a search, as in a cell search for contraband or a search of a residence for evidence of a crime.
- <u>The CJBAT is administered at least once each month in the Testing</u> <u>Department</u>.
- <u>Contact the Testing Department at 941-6200 ext. 2160 for test dates. Cost of the test is \$40.00. Be present at least 15 minutes prior to start of the test (8:00 a.m.) with a picture I.D.</u>