## Howard County Department of Corrections

### Start a Career as a Correctional Officer

**Salary:**
- $36,005 - $56,306
- $37,086 - $57,990 effective 7/1/08
- Overtime for roll call

**Benefits:**
- Uniforms and safety shoes
- Shift differential, annual, personal, sick and military leave
- Paid holidays
- Comprehensive benefits package to include a 20 year retirement plan, health insurance, life insurance, deferred compensation, and long-term disability program
- Educational reimbursement

**Requirements:**
- High School diploma or equivalent
- U.S. Citizenship or resident alien
- Must be 18 years of age at time of appointment
- Valid driver’s license
- Must have the ability to pass the following pre-employment tests: written, panel interview, psychological, physical, drug screening and an intensive background investigation. Candidates with current Maryland State Correctional Certification are not required to take the pre-employment test and may submit an application for consideration.
- Completion and certification mandated by the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission within 12 months of employment
- Ability to perform the essential functions of the position including firearms qualification
- Probationary period of 1 year

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