



State of Louisiana
Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Board of Private Security Examiners

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Upcoming Changes to Security Officer Training and Application Processing

Dear Members of Louisiana's Private Security Industry:

The Louisiana State Board of Private Security Examiners is sharing an important update regarding security officer training and application processing.

It is in the best interest of the public that individuals working private security assignments are properly trained and vetted before they begin performing security services. As a result of House Bill 921(Act 603), passed during the 2026 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, new training requirements will take effect on August 1, 2026.

Training Before the First Work Assignment

Beginning August 1, 2026, private security officers will need to complete 16 hours of Security Officer Standards and Training (S.O.S.T) with a Board-licensed instructor and pass all required examinations before their first work assignment.

Completing training before beginning work helps ensure that officers understand their responsibilities, legal authority, professional standards, and how to respond appropriately to the situations they may encounter while on duty. Proper training can also reduce risk for security companies by helping officers make better-informed decisions, follow required procedures, and perform their duties safely and professionally.

Our staff will issue a registration card to a security officer once all documents have been reviewed and verified, the background check has been cleared, and all training has been completed.

Training requirements for out-of-state security officers and qualifying law enforcement officers will remain the same; however, all training must be completed before their first work assignment.

Please review your hiring and onboarding process to ensure compliance is maintained. We appreciate the industry's cooperation as we work together to promote a properly trained and professionally prepared private security workforce.

The Board will continue updating its website with information and resources to help companies, instructors, and applicants understand the new requirements and prepare for the updated process.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

