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## ADVISORY

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### Mandatory Security Guard Training

Effective January 1, 2025, all **original security guard applicants** will be required to complete 12 hours of initial security guard training sponsored by a Maryland Police Training Commission approved provider. The applicant will be required to submit the certificate of completion with their security guard application.

**Current Security Guards who hold a valid Security Guard Certification and have not successfully completed 12 hours of initial security guard training sponsored by a Maryland Police Training Commission approved provider, will be required to successfully complete this training in order to be eligible to renew their Security Guard Certification.**

Security guard applicants seeking to renew a security guard certification that was **originally applied for on or after Jan. 1, 2025**, will be required to successfully complete 8 hours of continuing security guard training sponsored by an approved Maryland Police Training Commission provider and include the certificate of compliance with their renewal application. Information on approved training providers can be found at <https://mpctc.dpscs.maryland.gov/securityguard.htm>.

The previously mentioned guidelines apply to security guard agency applicants, dual agency applicants, and, as of January 1, 2025, security guard employer applicants.

An active police officer, certified by the Maryland Police Training Commission, is exempt from the required security guard training. A former or retired police officer, submitting an application within three years of separation is also exempt from the security guard training. Supporting documentation is required for any training exemption for prior law enforcement.

Information about the new Security Guard initial and renewal training can be found on the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission website at: <https://mpctc.dpscs.maryland.gov/securityguard.htm>.

**The MPCTC regulates all training for Security Guards.**

**The Maryland Department of State Police regulates all professional certification/ licensing for Security Guards.**

Additional information can be found on the MDSP Licensing Division website at: [Maryland State Police Licensing Division](https://marylandstatepolice.com/licensing). Specific questions can be emailed to: [msp.professionallicensing@maryland.gov](mailto:msp.professionallicensing@maryland.gov).

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