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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.

Security guard applicants seeking renewal of their security guard certification will be required to complete 8 hours of 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 providers may be found on the Maryland Police Training Commission website at <https://mdle.net/securityguard.htm>.

The previously mentioned guidelines apply to security guard agency applicants and dual agency 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://mdle.net/securityguard.htm>.

The MPCTC regulates all training for Security Guards.

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

Please direct any questions regarding Security Guard certification and application process, to Sergeant Christopher Hall or Corporal Erica Ambrose at mssp.securityguard@maryland.gov.

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