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### **Agency License Holders Performing Private Detective/Security Guard Services and Private Detective/Security Guard Agency Experience Requirements**

The Maryland Department of State Police, Licensing Division is disseminating the following information, to provide clarification and guidance regarding the requirements of Security Guard Agency, Private Detective Agency and Dual Agency (Security Guard and Private Detective Agency) license holders when performing the duties of a Security Guard or Private Detective.

Private Detective, Security Guard and Dual Agency License holders are representatives of their agencies and their respective agency license does not grant the agency license holder the authority to personally provide security guard or private detective services as defined in §13-101 and §19-101 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article. An agency license holder who wishes to personally provide security guard or private detective services is required to apply for and obtain an individual security guard or private detective certification prior to personally providing security guard or private detective services.

§13-303 and §19-303 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article establishes the experience requirements needed to apply for a Private Detective Agency or Security Guard Agency license. In order to meet one of the experience requirements, an applicant must have 5 years of experience as a full-time licensed private detective. These 5 years must be as a Maryland licensed private detective. Experience obtained from an out-of-state private detective license does not meet the experience requirements set forth in Maryland statute.

Additional information can be found on the MDSP Licensing Division website at: [Maryland State Police Licensing Division](http://www.marylandstatepolice.org/LicensingDivision). Specific questions can be emailed to: [mSP.professionallicensing@maryland.gov](mailto:mSP.professionallicensing@maryland.gov).

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