

1 14B NCAC 16 .0807 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **14B NCAC 16 .0807 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR ARMED SECURITY GUARDS**

4 (a) Applicants for an armed security guard firearm registration permit shall first complete the basic unarmed security
5 guard training course set forth in Rule .0707 of this Chapter.

6 (b) Private investigator licensees applying for an armed security guard firearm registration permit shall first complete
7 a four hour training course consisting of the courses set forth in Rule .0707(a)(1) and (2) of this Chapter and all
8 additional training requirements set forth in that Rule.

9 (c) Applicants for an armed security guard firearm registration permit shall complete a basic training course for armed
10 security guards which consists of at least 20 hours of classroom instruction including:

11 (1) legal limitations on the use of handguns and on the powers and authority of an armed security guard,
12 including familiarity with rules and regulations relating to armed security guards
13 (minimum of four hours);

14 (2) handgun safety, including range firing procedures (minimum of one hour);

15 (3) handgun operation and maintenance (minimum of three hours);

16 (4) handgun fundamentals (minimum of eight hours); and

17 (5) night firing (minimum of four hours).

18 Subsection (c)(2), "operation" under subsection (c)(3), and subsection (c)(4) shall be completed prior to the applicant's
19 participation in range firing.

20 (d) Applicants for an armed security guard firearm registration permit shall attain a score of at least 80 percent
21 accuracy on a firearms range qualification course adopted by the Board and the Secretary of Public Safety, a copy of
22 which is on file in the Director's office. For rifle qualification all shots shall be located on the target. Should a student
23 fail to attain a score of 80 percent accuracy, the student will be given three additional attempts to qualify on the course
24 of fire the student did not pass. Failure to meet the qualification after three attempts shall require the student to repeat
25 the entire Basic Training Course for Armed Security Guards. All additional attempts must take place within 20 days
26 of the completion of the initial 20 hour course.

27 (e) All armed security guard training required by this Chapter shall be administered by a certified trainer and shall be
28 completed no more than 90 days prior to the date of issuance of the armed security guard firearm registration permit.

29 (f) All applicants for an armed security guard firearm registration permit shall obtain training under the provisions of
30 this Section using their duty weapon and their duty ammunition or ballistic equivalent ammunition, to include lead-
31 free ammunition that meets the same point of aim, point of impact, and felt recoil of the duty ammunition, for all
32 weapons.

33 (g) No more than six new or renewal armed security guard applicants per one instructor shall be placed on the firing
34 line at any one time during firearms range training.

35 (h) Applicants for re-certification of an armed security guard firearm registration permit shall complete a basic
36 recertification training course for armed security guards that consists of at least four hours of classroom instruction
37 and is a review of the requirements set forth in Subparagraphs (c)(1) through (c)(5) of this Rule. The recertification

38 course is valid for 180 days after completion of the course. Applicants for recertification of an armed security guard
39 firearm registration permit shall also complete the requirements of Paragraph (d) of this Rule.

40 (i) An armed guard currently registered with one company may be registered with a second company. Such
41 registration shall be considered "dual." The registration with the second company shall expire at the same time that
42 the registration expires with the first company. An updated application shall be required, along with the digital
43 photograph, updated criminal records checks, and a forty dollar (\$40.00) registration fee. If the guard will be carrying
44 a firearm of the same make, model and caliber, then no additional firearms training is required. The licensee shall
45 submit a letter stating the guard will be carrying the same make and model firearm. If the guard will be carrying a
46 firearm of a different make and model, the licensee shall submit a letter to the Board advising of the make, model and
47 caliber of the firearm the guard will be carrying and the guard shall be required to qualify at the firing range on both
48 the day and night qualification course. The qualification score is valid for 180 days after completion of the course.

49 (j) To be authorized to carry a standard 12 gauge shotgun in the performance of his or her duties as an armed security
50 guard, an applicant shall complete, in addition to the requirements of Paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) of this Rule, six hours
51 of classroom training that shall include the following:

- 52 (1) legal limitations on the use of shotgun (minimum of one hour);
- 53 (2) shotgun safety, including range firing procedures (minimum of one hour);
- 54 (3) shotgun operation and maintenance (minimum of one hour);
- 55 (4) shotgun fundamentals (minimum of two hours); and
- 56 (5) night firing (minimum of one hour).

57 Subsection (j)(2), "operation" under subsection (j)(3), and subsection (j)(4) shall be completed prior to the applicant's
58 participation in range firing.

59 (k) An applicant may take the additional shotgun training at a time after the initial training in this Rule. If the shotgun
60 training is completed at a later time, the shotgun certification shall run concurrent with the armed registration permit.
61 In addition to the requirements set forth in Paragraph (j) of this Rule, applicants shall attain a score of at least 80
62 percent accuracy on a shotgun range qualification course adopted by the Board and the Secretary of Public Safety, a
63 copy of which is on file in the Director's office.

64 (l) Applicants for shotgun recertification shall complete one hour of classroom training covering the topics set forth
65 in Paragraph (j) of this Rule and shall also complete the requirements of Paragraph (d) of this Rule.

66 (m) To be authorized to carry a rifle in the performance of his or her duties as an armed security guard, an applicant
67 shall complete, in addition to the requirements of Paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) of this Rule, 16 hours of classroom
68 training which shall include the following:

- 69 (1) legal limitations on the use of rifles (minimum of one hour);
- 70 (2) rifle safety, including range firing procedures (minimum of one hour);
- 71 (3) rifle operation and maintenance (minimum of two hours);
- 72 (4) rifle fundamentals (minimum of ten hours); and
- 73 (5) night firing (minimum two hours).

74 Subsection (m)(2), “operation” under subsection (m)(3), and subsection (m)(4) shall be completed prior to the
75 applicant’s participation in range firing.

76 (n) The applicant shall pass a skills course that tests each basic rifle skill and the test of each skill shall be completed
77 within three attempts.

78 (o) An applicant may take the additional rifle training at a time after the initial training in this Rule. If the rifle training
79 is completed at a later time, the rifle certification shall run concurrent with the armed registration permit. In addition
80 to the requirements set forth in Paragraphs (m) and (n) of this Rule, applicants shall attain a score of at least 80 percent
81 accuracy on a rifle range qualification course adopted by the Board and the Secretary of Public Safety, a copy of which
82 is on file in the Director's office.

83 (p) Applicants for rifle recertification shall complete an additional one hour of classroom training covering the topics
84 set forth in Paragraph (m) of this Rule and shall also complete the requirements of Paragraph (d) of this Rule.

85 (q) Applicants for an armed security guard firearm registration permit who possess a current firearms trainer certificate
86 shall be given, upon their written request, a firearms registration permit that will run concurrent with the trainer
87 certificate upon completion of an annual qualification with their duty firearms as set forth in Paragraph (d) of this
88 Rule.

89 (r) The armed security officer is required to qualify annually both for day and night firing with his or her duty handgun,
90 shotgun and rifle, if applicable. If the security officer fails to qualify on either course of fire, the security officer cannot
91 carry the firearm until such time as he or she meets the qualification requirements. Upon failure to qualify, the firearm
92 instructor shall notify the security officer that he or she is no longer authorized to carry the firearm and the firearm
93 instructor shall notify the employer and the Private Protective Services Board staff on the next business day.

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