

TITLE 14B – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Private Protective Services Board intends to amend the rules cited as 14B NCAC 16 .0301, .0705, and .1305.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): <https://www.ncdps.gov/about-dps/boards-and-commissions/private-protective-services-board>

Proposed Effective Date: December 1, 2026

Public Hearing:

Date: August 25, 2026

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: 3101 Industrial Dr., Suite 104 Raleigh, NC 27609

Reason for Proposed Action: *The rule governing unarmed security guard and unarmed armored car guard registration transfers, .0705(d) and .1305(d), are being amended to require an online criminal background check and the rule governing the experience requirements for a security guard and patrol business license, .0301, is being amended to require that the experience be verifiable.*

Comments may be submitted to: Paul Sherwin, 3101 Industrial Drive, Suite 104, Raleigh, NC 27609; phone (919) 788-5320; fax (919) 715-0370; email paul.sherwin@ncdps.gov

Comment period ends: October 2, 2026

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit a written objection to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections after the adoption of the Rule in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive letters via U.S. Mail, private courier service, or hand delivery to 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina, or via email to oah.rules@oah.nc.gov. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please review 26 NCAC 05 .0110 or call a Commission staff attorney at 984-236-1850.

Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.

- ☐ State funds affected
- ☐ Local funds affected
- ☐ Substantial economic impact ($\geq$ \$1,000,000 over 5 years)
- ☐ Approved by OSBM
- ☒ No fiscal note required

CHAPTER 16 - PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD

SECTION .0300 - SECURITY GUARD AND PATROL: GUARD DOG SERVICE

14B NCAC 16 .0301 EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS/SECURITY GUARD AND PATROL LICENSE

(a) In addition to the requirements of Section .0200 of this Chapter, applicants for a security guard and patrol license shall:

- (1) establish three years of verifiable experience as a manager, supervisor, or administrator with a contract security company or a proprietary security organization performing guard and patrol functions;
- (2) establish three years of verifiable experience as a manager, supervisor, or administrator in security with any federal, state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency performing guard and patrol functions; or
- (3) establish a military occupational specialty and two years of verifiable experience within the past five years in the U.S. Armed Forces as a manager, supervisor, or administrator performing guard and patrol functions.

(b) In addition to the requirements of Section .0200 of this Chapter, an applicant for a security guard and patrol license that is the spouse of an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces shall establish to the Board's satisfaction:

- (1) the spouse holds a current license, certification, or registration from another jurisdiction and the other jurisdiction's requirements are substantially equivalent to or exceed the Board's requirements; and
- (2) the spouse has two years verifiable experience within the past five years as a manager, supervisor, or administrator performing guard and patrol functions as set forth in G.S. 74C-3(a)(8) while serving in an official capacity with any entity described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(c) Using the formula in Rule .0204(d) of this Chapter, the Board shall give credit toward the experience requirements set forth in Subparagraphs (a)(1) and (2) and Subparagraph (b)(2) of this Rule as follows:

- (1) An applicant shall receive a minimum of 400 hours of experience credit for an associate's degree. The Board shall grant up to 100 additional hours if the applicant can demonstrate that further training or course-work related to the private protective services industry was received while obtaining the associate's degree.

- (2) An applicant shall receive 800 hours of experience credit for a bachelor's degree. The Board shall grant up to 200 additional hours if the applicant can demonstrate that further training or course-work related to the private protective services industry was received while obtaining the bachelor's degree.
- (3) An applicant shall receive 1,200 hours of experience credit for a graduate degree. The Board shall grant an additional 300 additional hours if the applicant can demonstrate that further training or course-work related to the private protective services industry was received while obtaining the graduate degree.
- (d) Persons licensed under Chapter 74D of the General Statutes of North Carolina may be issued a limited guard and patrol license exclusively for providing armed alarm responders.

History Note: Authority G.S. 74C-5; 74C-8; 93B-15.1;
Eff. June 1, 1984;
Amended Eff. October 1, 2013; February 1, 2009; December 1, 1995; January 4, 1994; January 1, 1990; August 1, 1988;
Transferred and Recodified from 12 NCAC 07D .0301 Eff. July 1, 2015;
Readopted Eff. August 1, 2020;
Amended Eff. December 1, 2026; September 1, 2024.

SECTION .0700 - SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION (UNARMED)

14B NCAC 16 .0705 UNARMED SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION IDENTIFICATION CARDS

- (a) The registration identification card shall be carried by the unarmed security guard registrant when performing the duties of a private protective services employee.
- (b) The registration identification card shall be exhibited upon the request of any law enforcement officer or any other authorized representative of the Board.
- (c) Registration identification card holders shall within five business days notify the Board upon receipt of any information relating to the holder's eligibility to continue holding such a card.
- (d) The guard transfer online ~~form~~ form, a statement of the results of a statewide criminal history records search by the reporting service designated by the Board pursuant to G.S. 74C-8.1(a) for each state where the applicant has resided within the preceding 12 months, and fee shall be submitted to the Board by the employer within ~~40~~ 30 days of ~~the beginning of permanent, non-probationary~~ employment.
- (e) ~~Upon revocation or suspension by the Board, a holder shall return the registration identification card to the administrator within 10 days of the date of the revocation or suspension.~~

History Note: Authority G.S. 74C-5; 74C-11;
Eff. June 1, 1984;
Amended Eff. December 1, 1985;
Transferred and Recodified from 12 NCAC 07D .0705 Eff. July 1, 2015;
Readopted Eff. March 1, 2020;
Amended Eff. December 1, 2026.

SECTION .1300 – ARMORED CAR SERVICE GUARD REGISTRATION (UNARMED)

14B NCAC 16 .1305 UNARMED ARMORED CAR SERVICE GUARD REGISTRATION IDENTIFICATION CARDS

- (a) A registration identification card shall be carried by ~~an~~ the armored car service guard registrant when performing the duties of a private protective services employee.
- (b) The registration identification card shall be exhibited upon the request of any law enforcement officer or any authorized representative of the Board.
- (c) Registration identification card holders shall within five business days notify the Board following receipt of any information relating to the holder's eligibility to continue holding the card.
- (d) The guard transfer ~~form~~ form, a statement of the results of a statewide criminal history records search by the reporting service designated by the Board pursuant to G.S. 74C-8.1(a) for each state where the applicant has resided within the preceding 12 months, and fee shall be submitted to the Board by the employer within ~~40~~ 30 days of ~~the beginning of permanent, non-probationary~~ employment.
- (e) ~~Upon revocation or suspension by the Board, a holder shall return the registration identification card to the Director within 10 days of the date of the revocation or suspension.~~

History Note: Authority G.S. 74C-3; 74C-5;
Eff. January 1, 2013;
Transferred and Recodified from 12 NCAC 07D .1405 Eff. July 1, 2015;
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