

# Specific Requirements and Training for a **SECURITY GUARD** (under supervision)

90-day licence term only — *not renewable*.

This is a simple outline of the requirements and training guidelines to do with the particular security licence type, *Security Guard under supervision*. More complete and detailed information, plus links to legislation, policies and contacts, can be found on the Security Industry and Licensing website: [www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/securityindustry](http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/securityindustry)

It is important to refer to the “Guide for Security Workers” when you are ready to submit an application to the Registrar. You may download the guide from: [www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/securityindustry/worker/forms-guide.htm](http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/securityindustry/worker/forms-guide.htm)

## Notes:

- If you are employed by a business that does not hold a security business licence (such as a hospital, retail store or university), you do not require a licence to work as a Security Guard (in-house) until September 1, 2009.
- Security guards who provide or supervise a guard of an individual (bodyguard) or who provide door security at an establishment licensed under the Liquor Control and Licensing Act (doorperson), you do not require a licence for security guard work until November 1, 2009.

## DESCRIPTION:

A Security Guard under supervision must work under the direct supervision of a fully licensed security guard while doing the work of or providing any aspect of the services provided by a security guard service—guard patrol or watch of property; monitors or responds to security alarms installed on the property of another person; provides the guard of, or supervises the guard of, an individual (bodyguard); performs services to prevent the loss of property; and/or provides door security (door person) at an establishment licensed under the Liquor Control and Licensing Act. (see *Security Services Regulation section 15(4) item 13 for official description*). The purpose of this licence type, under supervision, is to allow individuals the opportunity to work, supervised, as a security guard while they are completing their training; and it allows security businesses to hire security guards for a limited duration or special events.

## TRAINING, EXPERIENCE and/or QUALIFICATIONS:

- No training or experience documentation is required when you submit your application for this licence type.
- Security Guard licensees have a condition of English fluency.—you are expected to be sufficiently fluent in the English language to converse with the public while carrying out your duties.

## WHILE UNDER SUPERVISION:

- This licence type is limited to a one-time only, 90-day term meant to provide you with the opportunity to gain experience while you complete Basic Security Training. If you start out with a Security Guard Under Supervision Licence, and later, once you have all your requirements for a fully licensed Security Guard, wish to apply for a full security guard licence type, you should use form “Application to Upgrade to a Full Security Guard Licence from Security Guard Under Supervision” (#SPD0519).

## REQUIREMENTS FOR KEEPING YOUR LICENCE:

You must comply with the Security Services Act and Regulations, which include, *but are not limited to*, the following:

- Ensure all information the Registrar has on file for you is up to date (residential address, any new criminal charges or convictions, a change in peace officer status, treatment for a mental condition or change in legal name).
- Keep the security worker licence current and carry the licence at all times when providing security work.
- Complete use-of-force reports detailing any incident when any type of force against another person was used while engaged in security work. This report must be filed with your employer.
- Follow the Code of Conduct (in the Security Services Regulations), ensuring you carry out your work as a licensed security worker in a professional, honest and respectful way.
- While engaged in security work, you may not carry or use a restraining device, any weapon, ammunition or device prohibited by the Criminal Code, or any other item designed for debilitating or controlling a person or animal UNLESS authorized by the Registrar.
- A Security Guard under supervision must work under the supervision of a fully licensed Security Guard to ensure clients obtain satisfactory service.
- Clients must be informed when a security guard under supervision is providing services.