

Specific Requirements and Training for a PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR (under supervision)

This is a simple outline of the requirements and training guidelines to do with the particular security licence type, *Privater Investigator 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

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

DESCRIPTION:

A Private Investigator *under supervision*, while working under the supervision of a fully-licensed Private Investigator, may seek or obtain information about crimes, offences, contraventions or misconduct or of allegations of the same. They may look into the activities, character or repute of a person or an organization, seek the whereabouts of a person, seek the location, disposition or recover of lost, stolen or missing property. They may also look into the cause or the responsibility of a fire, accident or incident in which damage to property or injury to another person has occurred. (see *Security Services Regulation section 15(4) item 5*)

TRAINING, EXPERIENCE and/or QUALIFICATIONS:

No training certificates or prior experience is required, but acceptable level of English fluency is required.

WHILE UNDER SUPERVISION:

While holding a Private Investigator *under supervision* licence, the licensee’s goal should be working towards a full Private Investigator licence. To do so, you must meet the following training and/or experience requirements:

- 2400 hours of on-the-job training and experience (which must take place within five years of applying for the full licence) and proven by the dates of employment and the hours logged with your employer(s).
- The proof of the successful completion of the courses identified (below) in the form of a diploma or report from the educational facility attended:
 - (a) criminal law
 - (b) civil law and process
 - (c) human rights legislation
 - (d) information and privacy legislation
 - (e) evidence recognition, presentation and protocols
 - (f) interviewing techniques
 - (g) report writing
 - (h) documentary research (electronic and hard copy)
 - (i) surveillance techniques

REQUIREMENTS FOR KEEPING YOUR LICENCE:

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

- A Private Investigator *under supervision* must work under the supervision of a fully licensed Private Investigator to ensure clients obtain satisfactory service.
- Clients must be informed whenever a private investigator under supervision is providing services.
- Ensure all information the Registrar holds on 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.
- 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.