How to become an Unarmed/Armed Security Officer and Bodyguard.

Take the Level 2 Noncommissioned (unarmed) Security Officer Course. Once you pass the course you will recieve a certificate. Click here for information on the Level 2 course.

Apply with a Security Company for a Non-commissioned security officer license. They will need a copy of your Level 2 course certificate.

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Once hired, your company will submit an application packet to the Texas Private Security Bureau (PSB) for your Non-commissioned Officer license. (NOTE: you may not apply for any security license on your own)

Once your company has submitted your application for your Non-commissioned Officer license, it should arrive in approximately 4-6 weeks.



Your company will then submit your Commissioned Officer License application packet to PSB.

Once you have successfully completed the Level 3 course, you will submit a copy of your Level 3 course certificate to your security company.

If you want to work as an Armed Security officer you must take the Level 3 Commissioned Officer Course. Click here for information on the Level 3 course.

You may work as a Noncommissioned Security Officer during the time you are waiting for your license to arrive.



It may also take approximately 4-6 weeks for your Commissioned License to arrive, you may ONLY work as an armed Security Officer once you've recieve your Commissioned Officer License. If you want to work as a Bodyguard, you must take the Level 4 Personal Protection Officer Course. Click here for information on the Level 4 COURSE.

Once you have successfully completed the Level 4 course, you will submit a copy of your Level 4 course certificate to your security company.



Your company will then submit your Personal Protection Officer License (PPO) application packet to PSB.



It may also take approximately 4-6 weeks for your PPO License to arrive, you may ONLY work as a PPO once you've recieve your PPO License.

*Shortcut: it is possible to take the Level 2, 3, and 4 courses prior to getting hired and submit them to your company together. For example, if prefer to work as an armed commissioned officer [as many officers do], you could take the Level 2 & 3 courses back-to-back, then submit both certificates to your company along with your application packet to PSB. While you are waiting for your Commissioned License to arrive, you may work as Non-commissioned Officer. Some officers even take the Level 2, 3, & 4, and submit them all at once!