

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 .0201, .0203, .0404, .0706, .0806, .0904, .0911, .1306 and .1406.

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

Proposed Effective Date: June 1, 2022

Public Hearing:

Date: February 22, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.

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

Reason for Proposed Action: One rule amendment establishes a new procedure to allow character letters to be submitted electronically; a second amendment requires a Private Investigator to have proof that a requested written report was provided to a client; a third amendment repeals an antiquated provision requiring payment of a fee for a criminal history record check for renewal of a firearms trainer certificate; further, all renewed rules (i.e., .0203, .0706, .0806, .0904, .0911, .1306 and .1406) are amended to allow Board staff to hold a renewal application if there is a deniable criminal charge pending.

Comments may be submitted to: Paul Sherwin, 3101 Industrial Dr., Suite 4, Raleigh, NC 27609; phone (919)788-5320; email Paul.sherwin@ncdps.gov

Comment period ends: April 4, 2022

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 written objections to the Rules Review Commission after the adoption of the Rule. 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 those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please 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 (>= \$1,000,000)
Approved by OSBM

No fiscal note required

CHAPTER 16 - PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD

SECTION .0200 - LICENSES: TRAINEE PERMITS

14B NCAC 16 .0201 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE AND TRAINEE PERMITS

(a) Each applicant for a license or trainee permit shall submit an online application on the website provided by the Board. The online application shall be accompanied by:

- (1) electronic submission of fingerprints from a Live Scan or similar system approved by the State Bureau of Investigations or one set of classifiable fingerprints on an applicant fingerprint card that shall be mailed separately to the Board's office;
(2) one head and shoulders digital photograph of the applicant in JPG, JPEG, or PNG format of sufficient quality for identification, taken within six months prior to online application and submitted by uploading the photograph online with the application submission;
(3) upload online 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 60 months;
(4) the applicant's non-refundable application fee, along with a four dollar (\$4.00) convenience fee and credit card transaction fee;
(5) the actual cost charged to the Private Protective Services Board by the State Bureau of Investigation to cover the cost of criminal record checks performed by the State Bureau of Investigation, collected online by the Private Protective Services Board; and
(6) an Equifax credit check run within 30 days of the license application submission date, which will be submitted to the Board's investigator during the application process; and
(7) five letters attesting to the good character and reputation of the applicant using the online character letter submission process.

(b) Applications for trainee permits shall be accompanied by a notarized statement on a form provided by the Board and signed by the applicant and his or her prospective supervisor, stating that the trainee applicant shall at all times work with and under the direct supervision of that supervisor and the form shall be uploaded as part of the online application process.

(c) Private investigator trainees applying for a license shall make available for inspection a log of experience on a form provided by the Board.

(d) Each applicant must upload evidence of high school graduation either by diploma, G.E.D. certificate, or other proof.

(e) Each applicant for a license shall meet personally with a Board investigator, the Screening Committee, the Director, or another

Board representative designated by the Director prior to being issued a license. The applicant shall discuss the provisions of G.S. 74C and the administrative rules in this Chapter during the personal meeting. The applicant shall sign a form provided by the Board indicating that he or she has reviewed G.S. 74C and the administrative rules in this Chapter with the Board's representative.

Authority G.S. 74C-2; 74C-5; 74C-8; 74C-8.1; 74C-12.

14B NCAC 16 .0203 RENEWAL OR RE-ISSUE OF LICENSES AND TRAINEE PERMITS

(a) Each applicant for renewal of a license or trainee permit shall submit an online renewal application on the website provided by the Board. This online application shall be submitted not less than 30 days prior to expiration of the applicant's current license or trainee permit and shall be accompanied by:

- (1) one head and shoulders digital color photograph of the applicant in JPG, JPEG, or PNG format of sufficient quality for identification, taken within six months prior to online application and submitted by uploading the photograph online with the application submission;
- (2) upload online a statement of the result 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 24 months;
- (3) the applicant's renewal fee, along with a four dollar (\$4.00) convenience fee and credit card transaction fee; and
- (4) for license applicants, proof of liability insurance as set out in G.S. 74C-10(e).

(b) If a licensee has maintained a license at least two years and then allows the license to expire, the license may be re-issued if application is made within three years of the expiration date and the following documentation is submitted to the Board:

- (1) an online Application For Reinstatement of an Expired License;
- (2) one set of classifiable fingerprints on an applicant fingerprint card that shall be mailed separately to the Board's office;
- (3) one head and shoulders digital color photograph of the applicant in JPG, JPEG, or PNG format of sufficient quality for identification, taken within six months prior to online application and submitted by uploading the photograph online with the application submission;
- (4) upload online a statement of the result 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 60 months;
- (5) the applicant's non-refundable application fee, along with a four dollar (\$4.00) convenience fee and credit card transaction fee;

- (6) proof of liability insurance as set out in G.S. 74C-10(e); and
- (7) payment to the State Bureau of Investigations to cover the cost of criminal record checks performed by the State Bureau of Investigations, with payment to be paid online through the Board's online application process.

(c) A member of the armed forces whose license is in good standing and to whom G.S. 105-249.2 grants an extension of time to file a tax return shall receive that same extension of time to pay the license renewal fee and complete any continuing education requirements prescribed by the Board. A copy of the military order or the extension approval by the Internal Revenue Service or by the North Carolina Department of Revenue shall be furnished to the Board.

Authority G.S. 74C-5; 74C-8; 74C-8.1; 74C-9.

SECTION .0400 - PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR: ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURES

14B NCAC 16 .0404 REPORTS

(a) In addition to the requirements in G.S. 74C-12(a)(20), private investigators shall make and offer to each client a written report containing the findings and details of the investigation within 30 days after the completion of the investigation for which the client has paid the investigator for the services. The licensee shall retain a copy of the written ~~report~~ report, and if provided to the client, proof of such delivery.

(b) Descriptive reports, chronological reports, cover letters, and itemized invoices to the client shall be personally signed by a licensee. The file copy shall reflect the names of all participating employees and a description of the work performed by each one. These documents shall be retained by the licensee who signed the report.

Authority G.S. 74C-5.

SECTION .0700 - SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION (UNARMED)

14B NCAC 16 .0706 RENEWAL OF UNARMED SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION

(a) Each applicant for renewal of a registration identification card or his or her employer shall complete an online form on the website provided by the Board. This online form shall be submitted not fewer than 90 days prior to the expiration of the applicant's current registration and shall be accompanied by:

- (1) one head and shoulders color digital photograph of the applicant in JPG, JPEG, or PNG format of sufficient quality for identification, taken within six months prior to online application and submitted by uploading the photograph online with the application submission;
- (2) upload online 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;

- (3) the applicant's renewal fee, along with the four dollar (\$4.00) convenience fee and credit card transaction fee; and
- (4) upload a completed affidavit form and public notice statement form.

(b) If there is a criminal charge pending against the applicant for renewal that constitutes a deniable offense under G.S. 74C-8(d)(2), consideration of the application shall be deferred until the criminal charge is adjudicated. The deadline for completion of any requirement mandated by the Board's law and rules, such as continuing education or firearms re-qualification, will be stayed during the period of deferral.

~~(b)(c)~~ The employer of each applicant for a registration renewal shall give the applicant a copy of the online application and a copy of the completed affidavit form to serve as a record of application for renewal and shall retain a copy of the application, including affidavit, in the guard's personnel file in the employer's office.

~~(e)(d)~~ Members of the armed forces whose registration is in good standing and to whom G.S. 105-249.2 grants an extension of time to file a tax return shall receive that same extension of time to pay the registration renewal fee and to complete any continuing education requirements prescribed by the Board. A copy of the military order or the extension approval by the Internal Revenue Service or by the North Carolina Department of Revenue shall be furnished to the Board.

Authority G.S. 74C-5; 74C-11.

SECTION .0800 - ARMED SECURITY GUARD FIREARM REGISTRATION PERMIT

14B NCAC 16 .0806 RENEWAL OF ARMED SECURITY GUARD FIREARM REGISTRATION PERMIT

(a) Each applicant for renewal of an armed security guard firearm registration permit identification card or his or her employer shall complete an online form on the website provided by the Board. This online form shall be submitted not more than 90 days prior to expiration of the applicant's current armed registration and shall be accompanied by:

- (1) one head and shoulders color digital photograph of the applicant in JPG, JPEG, or PNG format of sufficient quality for identification, taken within six months prior to online application and submitted by uploading the photograph online with the application submission;
- (2) upload online a statement of the results of a statewide criminal history search obtained 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;
- (3) the applicant's renewal fee, along with the four dollar (\$4.00) convenience fee and credit card transaction fee;
- (4) the actual cost charged to the Private Protective Services Board by the State Bureau of

Investigation to cover the cost of criminal record checks performed by the State Bureau of Investigation, collected online by the Private Protective Services Board;

- (5) a statement signed by a certified trainer that the applicant has successfully completed the training requirements of Rule .0807 of this Section; and
- (6) a completed affidavit form and public notice statement form.

(b) If there is a criminal charge pending against the applicant for renewal that constitutes a deniable offense under G.S. 74C-8(d)(2), consideration of the application shall be deferred until the criminal charge is adjudicated. The deadline for completion of any requirement mandated by the Board's law and rules, such as continuing education or firearms re-qualification, will be stayed during the period of deferral.

~~(b)(c)~~ The employer of each applicant for a registration renewal shall give the applicant a copy of the online application and a copy of the completed affidavit form to serve as a record of application for renewal and shall retain a copy of the application, including affidavit in the guard's personnel file in the employer's office.

~~(e)(d)~~ Members of the armed forces whose registration is in good standing and to whom G.S. 105-249.2 grants an extension of time to file a tax return shall receive that same extension of time to pay the registration renewal fee and to complete any continuing education requirements prescribed by the Board. A copy of the military order or the extension approval by the Internal Revenue Service or by the North Carolina Department of Revenue shall be furnished to the Board.

~~(d)(e)~~ A registered armed security guard may utilize a dedicated light system or gun-mounted light for requalification.

~~(e)(f)~~ During a national or State declared state of emergency that restricts or prohibits a registered armed security guard from requalifying, the Board shall, upon written request to the Director, extend the deadline for requalification up to 60 days beyond the effective period of the state of emergency. Any registration renewed pursuant to this Paragraph shall be issued conditionally and shall automatically expire on the 60th day if requalification requirements have not been met.

Authority G.S. 74C-5; 74C-13.

SECTION .0900 – TRAINER CERTIFICATE

14B NCAC 16 .0904 RENEWAL OF A FIREARMS TRAINER CERTIFICATE

(a) Each applicant for renewal of a firearms trainer certificate shall complete an online renewal form on the website provided by the Board. This form shall be submitted online not less than 30 days prior to the expiration of the applicant's current certificate and shall be accompanied by:

- (1) uploaded online a certificate of successful completion of a firearms trainer refresher course approved by the Board and the Secretary of Public Safety consisting of a minimum of eight hours of classroom and practical range training in safety and maintenance of the applicable firearm (i.e. handgun, shotgun, or

rifle), range operations, control and safety procedures, and methods of firing. This training shall be completed within 180 days of the submission of the renewal application;

- (2) uploaded online a statement of the results of a 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 48 24 months;
- (3) the applicant's renewal fee, along with the four dollar (\$4.00) convenience fee and credit card transaction fee; and
- (4) ~~the actual cost charged to the Private Protective Services Board by the State Bureau of Investigation to cover the cost of criminal record checks performed by the State Bureau of Investigation, collected online by the Private Protective Services Board.~~

(b) If there is a criminal charge pending against the applicant for renewal that constitutes a deniable offense under G.S. 74C-8(d)(2), consideration of the application shall be deferred until the criminal charge is adjudicated. The deadline for completion of any requirement mandated by the Board's law and rules, such as continuing education or firearms re-qualification, will be stayed during the period of deferral.

~~(b)(c)~~ Members of the armed forces whose certification is in good standing and to whom G.S. 105-249.2 grants an extension of time to file a tax return shall receive that same extension of time to pay the certification renewal fee and to complete any continuing education requirements prescribed by the Board. A copy of the military order or the extension approval by the Internal Revenue Service or by the North Carolina Department of Revenue shall be furnished to the Board.

~~(d)~~ Any firearms trainer who fails to qualify with the minimum score during the refresher course shall not continue to instruct during the period between the failure to qualify and the expiration of his or her permit.

~~(e)~~ The holder of a firearms trainer certificate may utilize a dedicated light system or gun mounted light for personal requalification.

~~(f)~~ During a national or State declared state of emergency that restricts or prohibits a registered armed security guard from requalifying, the Board shall, upon written request to the Director, extend the deadline for requalification up to 60 days beyond the effective period of the state of emergency. Any registration renewed pursuant to this Paragraph shall be issued conditionally and shall automatically expire on the 60th day if requalification requirements have not been met.

Authority G.S. 74C-5; 74C-8.1(a); 74C-13.

14B NCAC 16 .0911 RENEWAL OF AN UNARMED TRAINER CERTIFICATE

(a) Each applicant for renewal of an unarmed trainer certificate shall complete an online renewal form on the website provided by the Board. This form shall be submitted online not less than 30 days prior to the expiration of the applicant's current certificate. In addition, the applicant shall include the following:

- (1) the renewal fee set forth in Rule .0903(a)(3) of this Section and collected online as part of the application process;
- (2) a certificate of completion of a minimum of 16 hours of Board developed armed or unarmed instruction performed during the current unarmed trainer certification period; ~~and~~
- (3) a statement verifying the classes taught during the current unarmed trainer certification period on a form provided by the Board as part of the online application ~~process~~; process; and
- (4) uploaded online a statement of the results of a 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 24 months.

(b) If there is a criminal charge pending against the applicant for renewal that constitutes a deniable offense under G.S. 74C-8(d)(2), consideration of the application shall be deferred until the criminal charge is adjudicated. The deadline for completion of any requirement mandated by the Board's law and rules, such as continuing education or firearms re-qualification, will be stayed during the period of deferral.

~~(b)(c)~~ Members of the armed forces whose certification is in good standing and to whom G.S. 105-249.2 grants an extension of time to file a tax return are granted that same extension of time to pay the certification renewal fee and to complete any continuing education requirements prescribed by the Board. A copy of the military order or the extension approval by the Internal Revenue Service or by the North Carolina Department of Revenue must be furnished to the Board.

Authority G.S. 74C-8; 74C-9; 74C-11; 74C-13.

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

14B NCAC 16 .1306 RENEWAL OR REISSUE OF UNARMED ARMORED CAR SERVICE GUARD REGISTRATION

(a) Each applicant for renewal of an unarmed armored car service guard registration identification card or his or her employer shall complete an online form provided by the Board. This online form shall be submitted not fewer than 90 days prior to the expiration of the applicant's current registration and shall be accompanied by:

- (1) upload online a statement of the results of a statewide criminal history records search obtained from 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;
- (2) the applicant's renewal fee, along with a four dollar (\$4.00) convenience fee and credit card transaction fee.
- (3) one head and shoulders color digital photograph of the applicant in JPG, JPEG, or PNG format of sufficient quality for identification, taken

within six months prior to online application and submitted by uploading the photograph online with application submission; and

- (4) a completed affidavit form and public notice statement form.

(b) If there is a criminal charge pending against the applicant for renewal that constitutes a deniable offense under G.S. 74C-8(d)(2), consideration of the application shall be deferred until the criminal charge is adjudicated. The deadline for completion of any requirement mandated by the Board's law and rules, such as continuing education or firearms re-qualification, will be stayed during the period of deferral.

~~(b)(c)~~ (c) The employer of each applicant for a registration renewal or reissue shall give the applicant a copy of the online application, including the completed affidavit form, that shall serve as a record of application for renewal or reissue and shall retain a copy of the online application and affidavit in the guard's personnel file in the employer's office.

~~(c)(d)~~ (d) Members of the armed forces whose registration is in good standing and to whom G.S. 105-249.2 grants an extension of time to file a tax return shall receive that same extension of time to pay the registration renewal fee and to complete any continuing education requirements prescribed by the Board. A copy of the military order or the extension approval by the Internal Revenue Service or by the North Carolina Department of Revenue shall be furnished to the Board.

Authority G.S. 74C-3; 74C-5; 78C-8.1(a).

SECTION .1400 - ARMED ARMORED CAR SERVICE GUARDS FIREARM REGISTRATION PERMIT

14B NCAC 16 .1406 RENEWAL OF ARMED ARMORED CAR SERVICE GUARD FIREARM REGISTRATION PERMIT

(a) Each applicant for renewal of an armed armored car service guard firearm registration permit identification card his or her employer or designee shall complete an online form provided by the Board. This online form shall be submitted not more than 90 days nor fewer than 30 days prior to expiration of the applicant's current armed registration and shall be accompanied by:

- (1) one head and shoulders color digital photograph of the applicant in JPG, JPEG, or PNG format of sufficient quality for identification, taken within six months prior to online application and submitted by uploading the photograph online with the application submission;
- (2) upload online a statement of the result 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;
- (3) the applicant's renewal fee, along with a four dollar (\$4.00) convenience fee and credit card transaction fee;
- (4) the actual cost charged to the Private Protective Services Board by the State Bureau of Investigation to cover the cost of criminal

record checks performed by the State Bureau of Investigation, collected online by the Private Protective Services Board;

- (5) a statement signed by a certified trainer that the applicant has successfully completed the training requirements of Rule .0807 of the Section; and

- (6) a completed affidavit form and public notice statement form.

(b) If there is a criminal charge pending against the applicant for renewal that constitutes a deniable offense under G.S. 74C-8(d)(2), consideration of the application shall be deferred until the criminal charge is adjudicated. The deadline for completion of any requirement mandated by the Board's law and rules, such as continuing education or firearms re-qualification, will be stayed during the period of deferral.

~~(b)(c)~~ (c) The employer of each applicant for a registration renewal shall give the applicant a copy of the online application and completed application, including the completed affidavit form, to serve as a record of application for renewal and shall retain a copy of the online application and affidavit in the guard's personnel file in the employer's office.

~~(c)(d)~~ (d) Members of the armed forces whose registration is in good standing and to whom G.S. 105-249.2 grants an extension of time to file a tax return shall receive that same extension of time to pay the registration renewal fee and to complete any continuing education requirements prescribed by the Board. A copy of the military order or the extension approval by the Internal Revenue Service or by the North Carolina Department of Revenue shall be furnished to the Board.

Authority G.S. 74C-3; 74C-5; 74C-8.1(a); 74C-13.

TITLE 21 - OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CHAPTER 02 – BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE AND REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers intends to adopt the rule cited as 21 NCAC 02 .0306, amend the rules cited as 21 NCAC 02 .0106, .0108, .0109, .0201, .0203-.0206, .0210, .0213-.0215, .0217, .0302, .0303, .0901, .0903-.0910, and repeal the rules cited as 21 NCAC 02 .0102, .0202, .0208, .0209, .0212 and .0218.

Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.17, the Codifier has determined it impractical to publish the text of rules proposed for repeal unless the agency requests otherwise. The text of the rule(s) are available on the OAH website at <http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac.asp>.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): www.ncbarch.org

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