

PATHWAY TO SECURITY GUARD LICENSING IN TEXAS

LEVEL III | ARMED SECURITY OFFICER

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COMPLETE LEVEL II + LEVEL III TRAINING

Complete Level II and the [45-hour minimum Level III course](#) through licensed providers. Pass the required exams and practical/firearms qualification. Firearms proficiency must be within 90 days of application.

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COMPLETE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

Arrange the required MMPI assessment with a qualified psychologist or psychiatrist. Obtain the signed [Declaration of Psychological and Emotional Health \(PSP-13\)](#) for your application.

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APPLY THROUGH TOPS & PAY THE FEES

Visit tops.portal.texas.gov. Access your profile, select Commissioned Security Officer, answer eligibility questions accurately, and submit payment. Check eligibility before paying for training.

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COMPLETE FINGERPRINTS & UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

Follow the [DPS/IdentoGO fingerprint instructions](#). Upload Level II and III certificates, PSP-13, and all identity/status documents requested by TOPS. Existing applicants should follow their own checklist.

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CONFIRM YOUR EMPLOYER AFFILIATION

Coordinate with a DPS-licensed security company to confirm employment in TOPS. Complete employer affiliation and resolve outstanding checklist items. Monitor your email and application status.

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WAIT FOR DPS APPROVAL BEFORE ARMED WORK

Your training certificate and paid application do not authorize armed duty. Your employer must verify your issued commission and authorization before assigning armed work. Track your license expiration and renewal requirements.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DELTACON SECURITY GROUP
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Click any blue link to call, email, or open a resource.

BEFORE YOUR FIRST SHIFT: No armed work before licensure. An LTC or permitless carry does not replace a security officer commission. [Review DPS requirements](#).

TEXAS DPS PRIVATE SECURITY: [512-424-7293](tel:512-424-7293) | Mon-Fri, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Central
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[Licensing FAQ](#) | [Texas Occupations Code Ch. 1702](#) | Rules: 37 TAC §§35.21, 35.81, 35.141.
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