

LEVEL IV

PERSONAL PROTECTION OFFICER

Executive Protection | From training to DPS licensure

1

Confirm eligibility and arrange employer affiliation

Be at least **21**; meet Texas DPS background and firearm-eligibility requirements. Be employed by a DPS-licensed guard or investigations company and arrange your TOPS employer affiliation.

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Complete Level II, Level III and Level IV training

Complete Level II and **Level III (minimum 45 hours)**, including the test and firearms qualification. Then complete **Level IV (minimum 15 hours, in person)** and pass its test through a licensed Level IV school/instructor. [DPS training requirements](#)

3

Complete the required psychological evaluation

Have the **MMPI** administered and interpreted by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist. Obtain the signed [PSP-13 psychological health form](#). If already completed for your commission, confirm that DPS has an acceptable form on file.

4

Submit your application through TOPS

Hold a valid security officer commission or apply for the commission with your PPO application. Use [Texas Online Private Security \(TOPS\)](#); pay the applicable fees and submit Level II/III/IV certificates, PSP-13 and other checklist items. Coordinate employer approval/affiliation.

5

Complete fingerprints and the DPS review

Follow your application checklist to schedule electronic fingerprints through the DPS-approved vendor, if required. Provide any requested ID, lawful-presence or court records. Monitor TOPS and promptly resolve missing items. [DPS application instructions & FAQs](#)

BEFORE YOUR FIRST PPO ASSIGNMENT

Wait for DPS issuance and have your commission and PPO pocket cards in hand. Keep both licenses active, carry both cards on duty, and work only through your affiliated licensed employer. **A training certificate alone does not authorize PPO work.**

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