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### UNARMED GUARD INITIAL APPLICATION

Only applicants with complete applications are eligible for consideration. You may attach additional pages as necessary. Please type or print clearly in ink. Checks should be made payable to the Department of Commerce & Insurance.

Send the completed application to:

Attn: PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES  
**The Department of Commerce & Insurance**  
**500 James Robertson Parkway**  
**Nashville, TN 37243**

#### Section One: Applicant Identification and eligibility verification

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Are you currently licensed? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, License Number \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number OR Federal EIN \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip Code

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & INSURANCE  
DIVISION OF REGULATORY BOARDS  
PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES  
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## SECURITY GUARD/OFFICER - APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS

Please refer to the following link for **PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES  
Laws, Rules, and Policies**  
[www.tn.gov/commerce](http://www.tn.gov/commerce)

### APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION FEES UNARMED SECURITY GUARD

<u>Application Fee</u>	<u>Registration Fee</u>	<u>Total Fee</u>
\$50.00	\$20.00	\$70.00

### ARMED SECURITY GUARD

<u>Application Fee</u>	<u>Registration Fee</u>	<u>Total Fee</u>
\$75.00	\$30.00	\$105.00

### DOWNGRADE FROM ARMED TO UNARMED [No fingerprinting or additional training required]

<u>Application Fee</u>	<u>Total Fee</u>
\$30.00	\$30.00

#### All Applicants:

#### Schedule electronic fingerprinting through L1-IdentoGo.

- Applicants in Tennessee can schedule electronic fingerprinting for a fee of **\$38.00** by scheduling online or calling L1-IdentoGo **855-226-2937**. You must have the correct ORI# when scheduling: **TN920120Z**. This service is only available in the State of Tennessee. Out of state applicants should follow instructions for Tennessee submission of fingerprint card directly to L1-IdentoGo. [www.L1enrollment.com](http://www.L1enrollment.com)
- Submit **three (3) 1"x1" color passport-style photos** with your name and Social Security Number printed on the back of each photo. Place photos in a small envelope with your name printed on it and attach to the application.
- Application fees are **NON-REFUNDABLE** and **must** be submitted with the application.
- Submit a check, money order or cashier's check payable to: **Department of Commerce & Insurance**.
- You **may not** begin work in the State of Tennessee as an Unarmed Guard/Officer until this application has been completed and forwarded to the Private Protective Services Licensing Section for processing. You **may not** work as an Armed Security Guard until either your Armed **Conditional** Card or your Armed **Registration** Card has been issued by this office.
- Upon approval of your application, an approval notice will be forwarded to your last known address requesting the registration fee. Registration fees must be paid **within thirty (30) days** of the date printed on the approval or your application will be closed with no further notice from this office.
- An applicant for Unarmed or Armed Security Guard/Officer Registration may only work as an unarmed guard on the completed application form for **seventy-five (75) business days** from the date that the application and required fees are submitted to this office. You **may not** continue to work using a copy of your application after the application has been **CLOSED** or **DENIED** by this office.
- You **are** required to carry a completed copy of your application while on duty as an unarmed security guard/officer until your registration card is issued. **Check website for your application status.**
- **Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-35-130, an applicant for a security guard registration who files an incomplete application and who works on an incomplete application may be subject to disciplinary action which may include the assessment of a civil penalty, the denial of the application, or the suspension, revocation, or refusal to issue or renew any license, certification or registration card.**



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# SECURITY GUARD/OFFICER - APPLICATION

*Instructions: Please read this entire application carefully. Complete all sections and have notarized before returning with the appropriate application fee to the above address. Please note: application fees are not refundable. Submit additional information for any item on a separate sheet of paper.*

**1. TYPE OF REGISTRATION APPLYING FOR:**

- ARMED SECURITY GUARD (MUST BE 21 YRS OF AGE)
- UNARMED SECURITY GUARD (MUST BE 18 YRS OF AGE)
- UNARMED PROPRIETARY SECURITY ORGANIZATION (PSO) GUARD
- DOWNGRADE TO UNARMED SECURITY GUARD

All application fees must accompany this application. The registration fee may be paid along with the application fee or upon receipt of an application "approval" letter from this office.

**2. PERSONAL DATA:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Security Number      Last Name      First Name      Middle Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence (Street) Address, Apt. No.      [From Mo/Yr To Mo/Yr]

\_\_\_\_\_  
 City      State      Zip Code

( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Area Code) Home Phone Number      E-mail address (If available)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth (M/D/Y)      Place (City,State) of Birth      Sex(M/F)      Race      Height      Weight      Hair      Eyes

a. Are you a United States Citizen? Yes  No   
 If you are NOT a US Citizen or resident alien your application will be denied. Resident Alien applicants must provide documentation of their citizenship status.

b. Have you ever used a name other than the one by which you are applying? Yes  No   
 If yes, give the name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Explain why the name(s) was used: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Name the Guard Company or the Proprietary Security Organization (PSO) you will be working for:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Company Name      Street Address  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City      State      Zip Code      ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Area Code) Telephone Number

**3. PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS/REGISTRATIONS:**

- a. Have you previously applied for security guard registration in Tennessee? Yes  No 
  - If yes, was your registration card issued? (If no, please explain on separate sheet of paper and attach.) Yes  No
  - If yes, has your registration ever been suspended or revoked? (If yes, please explain on separate sheet of paper and attach.) Yes  No
- b. • Have you been licensed or registered as a security guard in another state? Yes  No 
  - If yes, what state(s)? \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Has this license or registration ever been suspended or revoked? (If yes, please explain on separate sheet of paper and attach.) Yes  No

**4. OTHER RESIDENCES:** If you have lived at your current residence less than five (5) years, you must list all residences where you have lived for the past five (5) years. (Attach a separate sheet of paper, if necessary.)

Street Address	City	State	Zip Code	[From Mo/Yr To Mo/Yr]
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Street Address	City	State	Zip Code	[From Mo/Yr To Mo/Yr]
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**5. PAST EMPLOYMENT RECORD:** If you have worked at your current employment less than five (5) years, list all jobs or occupations you have held in the immediate past five (5) years. (Attach a separate sheet of paper, if necessary.)

Company Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code	[From Mo/Yr To Mo/Yr]
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Company Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code	[From Mo/Yr To Mo/Yr]
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**\*\*\*NOTE: ARMED APPLICANTS ONLY:** You do not qualify to obtain an armed registration if you have ever been convicted of a felony or a crime involving domestic violence against a spouse, a live-in partner, or a child.

**6. STATEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS: [ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THIS PORTION]**

Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-35-116(a)(1) requires that all applicants provide a statement of all convictions and pending charges of a felony or a misdemeanor in any jurisdiction. Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-35-117(4) requires that persons convicted of any of the following offenses must have completed serving sentence or court ordered probation at least five (5) years prior to making application. Conviction of the following crimes shall disqualify an applicant if the applicant has not completed serving sentence or court ordered probation at least five (5) years prior to making application: Any felony; or any misdemeanor involving shooting a firearm or other weapon, shoplifting, assault and battery or other act of violence against persons or property, crimes involving the sale, manufacture or distribution of controlled substances, drugs or narcotics, theft of property or theft of services. **Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-35-130(a)** states that the Commissioner may deny an application for registration upon finding that the applicant has been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of any felony or of a misdemeanor, if the Commissioner finds that such conviction reflects unfavorably on the fitness for such registration.

You must answer the following questions completely. Information you provide may not disqualify you for guard registration. However, all arrests or charges, regardless of disposition, appear on record returns from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

If you answer yes to any of these questions, you are required to provide certified documents of the final court disposition or judgement with this application, including dismissed, suspended or deferred sentences, as well as, a written explanation of the events that surrounded the charges. If the court no longer has these records on file, you must obtain a letter from the judge or court clerk stating so.

**Be advised:** If you check "no" to any of the following questions regarding arrests or charges and there is an arrest record listed on your TBI or FBI report, your application could be denied for a material misstatement. Misdemeanor citations and charges for "bad checks", cases where you may not have been fingerprinted and booked but were required to pay court costs or fines, are reported to the TBI and FBI as an arrest. These charges must also be disclosed on your application.

**Record Expungements:** If you were told that a charge or arrest would be expunged from your record, and you would not need to report the charge as an arrest, you should verify with the court clerk or your attorney that the

**record was expunged and that you have "no arrest record" for the charge or arrest before completing your application for registration. Failure to report charges or arrests that were not expunged from your record and are still listed on your TBI and/or FBI report could result in the denial of your application for a material misstatement.**

- a. Have you ever been arrested in Tennessee or any other state? Yes  No   
If yes, what state(s)? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Were you transported to or surrendered at a police station, sheriff's office or other law enforcement facility? Yes  No
- c. Once there, were you fingerprinted, photographed and booked into jail? Yes  No
- d. Were misdemeanor or felony charges filed against you? Yes  No   
If yes, please list the charges below. (Attach a separate sheet of paper, if necessary.)

Date	Charge	City	State
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Date	Charge	City	State
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- e. Did you appear before the court and enter a plea of guilty, not guilty or no contest? Yes  No
- f. Did the court dismiss the charges against you? Yes  No   
If yes, you are **required** to provide this office with certified court documents showing the disposition of these charges.
- g. Have you ever been convicted of a felony offense? (A felony is an offense for which a jail sentence or probation of one (1) year or more could have been imposed.) Yes  No
- h. Have you ever been convicted of an offense, which involved domestic violence against a spouse, a live-in partner, or a child? Yes  No
- i. If you pled guilty or were found guilty, what was the sentence of the court? (Indicate the fine, time in the county jail or penitentiary, deferred sentence, suspended sentence, or period of probation. List the sentence below and provide all final court dispositions with this application.)

Date	Charge	Sentence	Probation Completed Date
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Date	Charge	Sentence	Probation Completed Date
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- j. Are you currently on a deferred sentence or on probation? Yes  No
- k. Do you currently have charges pending against you? Yes  No   
If yes, you are **required** to provide this office with certified court documents showing the disposition of these charges within thirty (30) days of these charges being resolved by conviction or dismissal, you must also provide a written explanation of the circumstances surrounding the charge(s), and a copy of the arresting officer's report. (Attach a separate sheet of paper, if necessary.)

Date of Arrest	Charge	City and State	Arraignment/Court Date
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- 7. **Have you ever been declared incompetent by reason of mental defect or disease?** Yes  No
- 8. **Are you currently suffering from habitual drunkenness or any narcotic addiction?** Yes  No   
**If yes, attach proof (if applicable) of having completed treatment program(s).**
- 9. **Have you ever served in Military Service?** Yes  No 
  - a. Did you receive an Honorable discharge? Yes  No   
(If other than Honorable discharge, attach a separate sheet of paper explaining the discharge, and a copy of your DD214.)

10. Have you read the Tennessee statutes pertaining to Private Protective Services and the corresponding Administrative Rules and do you understand your responsibilities? Yes  No

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND UNDERSTANDING:**  
**(Application must be signed under oath and notarized)**

- I understand that it is my responsibility to know and understand the laws and rules regulating private security guard/officers in the State of Tennessee and that I may obtain this information through my employer and/or through training required for this registration.
- I understand that I am to receive the proper security guard unarmed training within sixty (60) days of submitting this application.
- I understand that I may not begin work in the State of Tennessee as an unarmed guard until this application has been completed and forwarded to the State of Tennessee, Private Protective Services for processing. I may not begin working as an armed security officer until I have been issued an armed registration card. Beginning work prior to submitting this application is a direct violation of the law, and you and your employer may be subject to violations and penalties.
- I understand that I am to carry a completed copy of this application with me while on duty as a security guard/officer until my registration card is issued by the State. And, I am to make the application or registration card available upon request to State or local authorities.
- I understand that I may not continue to work as a security guard/officer using a copy of my application after the application has been closed or denied by the Private Protective Services Licensing Section.
- I understand that this application will not be processed without the proper non-refundable application fee, and that upon approval of my application a registration fee will be due prior to issuance.
- I hereby certify that I understand that should I be charged with an offense other than a minor traffic offense, I am required to notify the State of Tennessee, Private Protective Services Licensing Section within thirty (30) days of any such charge(s) and of any disposition of said charge(s).
- I hereby certify that should I now be applying for an Armed Guard Registration, or should I determine to apply for one in the future, that I am required to complete training as required by Tennessee Code Annotated 62-35-118(b).

**NOTICE, AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF A CONSUMER AND/OR INVESTIGATIVE CONSUMER REPORT**

I, the undersigned applicant, do hereby authorize the *Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, Division of Regulatory Boards, Private Protective Services* to procure a consumer report and/or investigative consumer report on me. I understand that this authorization and release shall be valid for subsequent consumer and/or investigative consumer reports during my period of certification, licensure or registration by this agency for the purpose of investigating my credit references, and any workplace misconduct or criminal activity for which I am alleged to have been involved in.

These above-mentioned reports may include, but are not limited to, information as to my character, general reputation, and personal characteristics, discerned through employment and education verifications, personal references, personal interviews, my personal credit history based on reports from any credit bureau; my driving history, including any traffic citations; a social security number verification; present and former addresses; criminal and civil history/records; any other public record.

I further authorize any person, business entity or governmental agency who may have information relevant to the above to disclose the same to the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, including but not limited to any and all courts, public agencies, law enforcement agencies and credit bureaus, regardless of whether such person, business entity or governmental agency compiled the information itself or received it from other sources.

I understand that any false statement(s) and/or misrepresentation(s) given by me on this application or on any attachments will be punishable under **Tennessee Code Annotated § 62-35**. Therefore, I certify that all answers, statements, and information given herein and on any attachments, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Applicant)

Subscribed and sworn to, before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Notary Public)

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**I HAVE ENCLOSED: (\*\*Required for Processing\*\*)**

- Three (3) 1 x 1 color passport-style photos:** (with your name and Social Security Number printed on the back of each)  
Place the photos in a small envelope with your name printed on it and attach to the application.
- Copy of your receipt for electronically scanned prints.**
- Final Court dispositions (judgements) on any and all charges/arrests.**
- Required Application and Registration Fees.**

[NOTARY SEAL]



**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
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PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES  
500 JAMES ROBERTSON PARKWAY  
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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37243-1158**

**Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act Attestation Instructions**  
**The attached form must be completed and submitted with each application**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** If you are a natural person applying for a license, registration, certification or other benefit you must:

1. Attest, under penalty of perjury, to your status as either a United States citizen, a qualified alien as defined in Tennessee's Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act, or a foreign national not physically present in the United States, by selecting your status in Part A below signing on the line labeled "Applicant's Signature," printing your name on the line labeled "Printed Name" and putting the current date on the line labeled "Date."

**AND**

**Do one (1) of the following:**

2. If you are claiming United States citizenship, present one (1) of the forms of identification provided for in Part B below. **If you provided your Social Security Number as part of your application for licensure, registration, certificate or other benefit, no additional documentation is required; however, please be aware that efforts may be made to verify any such number.**
3. If you are claiming qualified alien status, present two (2) forms of documentation of identity and immigration status, as determined by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be acceptable for verification through the SAVE program, as provided in Part C below.
4. If you are claiming qualified alien status but you are unable to present two (2) forms of documentation provided for in Part C of this form, then you shall present at least one (1) such document that shall then be verified through the SAVE program.  
or
5. If you are claiming you are foreign national not physically present in the United States, contact the program issuing the license, registration, certification or other benefit for which you are applying to provide such documentation as may be required to verify such status.

**Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act Attestation**  
**Tennessee Private Protective Services**

**Part A. Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act Attestation**

**I hereby attest under penalty of perjury that I am (select one):**

\_\_\_\_\_ A United States citizen;

\_\_\_\_\_ A qualified alien as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-58-102;<sup>1</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ A foreign national not physically present in the United States. Further, I understand that should I ever become physically present in the United States while I hold this license, registration, certification or other benefit I agree to immediately contact the issuing agency and provide documentation to confirm my status as a qualified alien.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**Submitting false information or omitting pertinent or material information in connection with this application or any violation of the Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act may result in the revocation of any license, registration, certification or other benefit issued to the applicant. A person who willfully makes a false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or representation of United States citizenship may be prosecuted under 18 U.S.C. § 911 and/or the False Claims Act, T.C.A. §§ 4-18-101, *et seq.***

<sup>1</sup> Qualified alien means "A qualified alien as defined by 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)" or "An alien or nonimmigrant eligible to receive state or local public benefits under 8 U.S.C. § 1621(a)." Pursuant to those statutes, this includes, but is not necessarily limited to:

- An alien who is lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq.];
- An alien who is granted asylum under section 208 of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1158];
- A refugee who is admitted to the United States under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C.A. § 1157];
- An alien who is paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1182(d)(5)] for a period of at least 1 year;
- An alien whose deportation is being withheld under section 243(h) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1253] (as in effect immediately before the effective date of section 307 of division C of Public Law 104-208) or section 241(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1231(b)(3)] (as amended by section 305(a) of division C of Public Law 104-208);
- An alien who is granted conditional entry pursuant to section 203(a)(7) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1153(a)(7)] as in effect prior to April 1, 1980;
- An alien who is a Cuban and Haitian entrant (as defined in section 501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980);
- A nonimmigrant under the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. §§ 1101, *et seq.*];
- An alien who is paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1182 (d)(5)] for less than one year.



**Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act Additional Required Documentation**  
**TENNESSEE PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

**Part B.** If you are claiming United States citizenship, you must present one (1) of the following:

- A valid Tennessee driver license or photo identification license issued by the Department of Safety;
- A valid driver license or photo identification license from another state where the issuance requirements are at least as strict as those in Tennessee, as determined by the Department of Safety;
- An official birth certificate issued by a state, jurisdiction or territory of the United States, including Puerto Rico, United States Virgin Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Swains Island, or Guam; provided that Puerto Rican birth certificates issued before July 1, 2010, shall **not** be recognized;
- A United States government-issued certified birth certificate;
- A valid, unexpired United States passport;
- A United States certificate of birth abroad (DS-1350 or FS-545);
- A report of birth abroad of a citizen of the United States (FS-240);
- A certificate of citizenship (N560 or N561);
- A certificate of naturalization (N550, N570 or N578);
- A United States citizen identification card (I-197, I-179);
- Any successor document of those listed at Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-58-103(c)(4)-(9); or
- **A social security number that may be verified with the Social Security Administration in accordance with federal law (if you provided your social security number as part of your application for licensure, no additional documentation is required; however, please be aware that efforts may be made to verify any such number).**

**Part C.** If you are claiming qualified alien status, you must present two (2) forms of documentation of identity and immigration status, as determined by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be acceptable for verification through the SAVE program. Such forms of identification may include:

- I-327 (Reentry Permit);
- I-551 (Permanent Resident Card);
- I-571 (Refugee Travel Document);
- I-766 (Employment Authorization Card);
- Certificate of Citizenship;
- Naturalization Certificate;
- Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (with Temporary I-551 Language);
- Temporary I-551 Stamp (on passport or I-94);
- Unexpired Foreign Passport;
- WT/WB Admission Stamp in Unexpired Foreign Passport
- I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status);
- DS-2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status);
- Any other document determined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to be acceptable through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program created pursuant to the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

**Part D.** If you are claiming qualified alien status, but you are unable to present two (2) forms of documentation as described in Part C, then you shall present at least one (1) such document as described in Part C, which shall then be verified through the SAVE program.

**Part E.** If you are claiming that you are a foreign national not physically present in the United States, please contact the program issuing the license, registration, certification or other benefit for which you are applying to provide such documentation as may be required to verify such status.