

Florida Class D Licensing Roadmap

Current 40-hour training requirement and state application sequence

Florida law requires a Class D applicant to submit proof of successful completion of at least 40 hours of professional training from a school or training facility licensed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). Bluewater Security Academy provides training and completion documentation; FDACS decides the license application and issues the Class D license.

1. Complete the required professional training

- Complete at least 40 hours of Class D professional training through a licensed school or training facility.
- Florida no longer requires the 40 hours to be delivered as a legally separate 24-hour Course A and 16-hour Course B sequence. A school may organize instruction into modules or class days while satisfying the 40-hour requirement.
- Live online Class D training is permitted when delivered through the secure live-online process allowed by Florida law and rule, including identity, attendance, and completion controls.

2. Receive training-completion documentation

- The school/instructor provides the training result or certificate required for the Class D application process and reports completion as required by FDACS.
- A training certificate documents course completion. It is not itself a Class D license.

3. Apply to FDACS for the Class D license

- Submit the state application and required supporting materials to FDACS.
- FDACS determines eligibility, processes the application, and issues the state Class D credential.
- If a Class D license has been expired for one year or more, current Florida law treats the applicant as an initial applicant for the 40-hour training requirement.

Questions to ask before enrolling

- Is the school or training facility licensed by FDACS to provide Class D training?
- Does the schedule provide the full required 40 hours and required controls for any live-online instruction?
- Will you receive the correct training-completion documentation for your state application?

Current Bluewater offering: Florida Class D 40-hour training. Bluewater provides training and completion documentation; FDACS issues the Class D license.

Official sources to verify current requirements

Florida Statutes 493.6303(4): minimum 40 hours of professional training for Class D applicants - leg.state.fl.us.

Florida Statutes 493.6132: live-online Class D training safeguards - leg.state.fl.us.

Florida Administrative Code Rule 5N-1.140 and FDACS Class D requirements - flrules.org / fdacs.gov.

Requirements can change. This roadmap is educational and does not replace current instructions from FDACS.