

North Carolina Unarmed Guard Registration Guide

Educational PPSB reference - not a currently enrolling Bluewater NC certification program

North Carolina unarmed security guard registration is regulated by the Private Protective Services Board (PPSB). This document is general guidance only. Bluewater Security Academy is not presenting this guide as a currently enrolling North Carolina PPSB certification program. Confirm controlling requirements with PPSB and use a Board-certified trainer for state-required North Carolina guard training.

New unarmed guard training

- PPSB currently requires a minimum 16-hour basic unarmed security guard training course.
- The first four hours include The Security Officer in North Carolina and Legal Issues for Security Officers; the complete 16-hour course includes the Board-required subject areas.
- Training must be delivered under PPSB trainer requirements. A training certificate supports registration but does not itself create the state registration.

Registration and employer responsibility

- North Carolina guard registration is connected to a Board-approved employing license holder. The company/employer has responsibilities in the registration and renewal process.
- A change of employer should be handled through the current PPSB transfer process rather than assumed to update automatically.
- Use current Security Employee Registration instructions for forms, background checks, fingerprints, fees, and supporting documents.

Renewal timing

- PPSB currently allows an unarmed guard renewal application up to 90 days before expiration.
- Current PPSB guidance also allows late renewal within 90 days after expiration with an additional late fee.
- Do not rely on older statements that North Carolina has no late-renewal window or automatically requires the full 16-hour course immediately after expiration.

Where Bluewater is currently enrolling state-licensing training

- Florida Class D: 40-hour training.
- Tennessee unarmed guard: 4-hour initial training and 2-hour renewal refresher.
- North Carolina: this document is informational. Verify any trainer/course directly against current PPSB requirements before enrolling.

Important: This is an educational North Carolina roadmap only. It is intentionally separated from Bluewater's currently enrolling Florida and Tennessee state-licensing programs.

Official sources to verify current requirements

NC PPSB Security Employee Registration - ncdps.gov.

NC PPSB Trainer Certification - ncdps.gov/about-dps/boards-and-commissions/private-protective-services-board/trainer-certification.

14B NCAC 16 .0707 / PPSB Unarmed Security Officer Training Certificate - current 16-hour course requirements.

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