

Tennessee Unarmed Guard Registration Roadmap

4-hour initial training, 2-hour renewal refresher, and state registration

Tennessee requires an unarmed guard applicant to complete four hours of general training covering orientation, legal powers and limitations, emergency procedures, and general duties. Unarmed registrations renew every two years, and the state currently requires two hours of refresher training before renewal. Bluewater provides training; the Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance (TDCI) issues and renews the guard registration.

Initial unarmed registration - required training

- Complete four hours of general training covering orientation, legal powers and limitations of a security guard, emergency procedures, and general duties.
- Training required by Tennessee law must be administered under the state-certified-trainer requirements that apply to the course.
- Complete the separate background-check, application, fee, and other state requirements published by TDCI.

Renewal - every two years

- Tennessee unarmed guard registration must be renewed every two years.
- Complete two hours of refresher training before renewal.
- TDCI currently publishes a 90-day grace period for late renewal, with late fees; after that window, use the state reapplication/reinstatement process.

Training completion is not the registration card

- Bluewater documents completion of the training course it provides.
- TDCI controls the registration application, eligibility decision, renewal, fees, and state credential.
- Additional training can apply to specific assignments or equipment; review TDCI requirements for the work you will perform.

Questions to ask before enrolling

- Is the trainer properly certified for the Tennessee security-guard training being delivered?
- Do you need initial 4-hour training or the 2-hour renewal refresher?
- Have you reviewed the current TDCI application/renewal checklist and deadlines in addition to the course?

Current Bluewater offering: Tennessee unarmed guard 4-hour initial training and 2-hour renewal refresher. TDCI issues and renews the registration.

Official sources to verify current requirements

TDCI Unarmed Security Guard requirements - tn.gov/commerce/regboards/pps/license/get/unarmed-security-guard.html.

TDCI Renewal, Reinstatement & Other Resources - tn.gov/commerce/regboards/pps/license/renewal.html.

Tennessee Code Annotated 62-35-118 - training requirements.

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