



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4501:7-1-06 Required experience.

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- (A) Except as provided in paragraphs (B) and (C) of this rule, an applicant for a class B license shall have at least four thousand working hours of experience in investigatory work, an applicant for a class C license shall have at least four thousand working hours of experience in security services work, and an applicant for a class A license shall have at least four thousand working hours of experience consisting of at least one thousand working hours of experience in investigatory work and at least one thousand working hours of experience in security services work, and the remaining hours of working experience in either investigatory or security service work, or both. An applicant must have completed the hours required in this paragraph in the twenty-four month period immediately preceding the date an application for licensure is received by the department of public safety.
- (B) Equivalent experience such as, but not limited to, specialized education in criminal justice or law enforcement, or honorable service in the military police or similar military security position in any of the branches of the armed forces of the United States, or significant experience as a law enforcement officer, as defined in division (A)(11) of section 2901.01 of the Revised Code, or as a peace officer as defined in division (B) of section 2935.01 of the Revised Code obtained within the last twenty years prior to the date of application, may be deemed by the director of public safety to be sufficient to satisfy the experience requirement.
- (C) If specialized education as defined in paragraph (B) of this rule is submitted as equivalent experience, an applicant for a class A license shall also have at least one thousand working hours of experience in investigatory work and at least one thousand working hours in security services work, an applicant for a class B license shall have at least two thousand working hours of experience in investigatory work, and an applicant for a class C license shall have at least two thousand working hours of experience in security services work.
- (D) Equivalent experience such as, but not limited to, management in the business of private investigation, management in the business of security services, or both, may be deemed by the director of public safety to be sufficient to satisfy the experience requirement as defined in paragraph (A) of this rule.