



## DC Special Police Officer Course Eligibility

District of Columbia Municipal Regulations Title 6A, Chapter 11, Section 1100.  
Appointment: General Provisions

1100.7 No person shall be appointed as a special police officer under the Act of March 3, 1899 (D.C. Official Code §4-114) (1981) or R.S.D.C. No. 378 and 379, June 11, 1878 (D.C. Official Code § 4-130) (1981) unless he or she meets the following requirements:

- (a) Have reached the age of twenty-one (21) years;
- (b) Be a citizen of the United States;
- (c) Be of good moral character;
- (d) shall be approved for appointment by the Chief of Police, shall possess a high school diploma or a general equivalency diploma, or one year of experience as a special police officer in the District of Columbia, shall be able to read, write, and speak the English language, and shall be certified by a licensed physician as physically and psychologically fit to perform the duties of a special police officer.
- (e) An applicant who has been dishonorably discharged from the military shall be ineligible to be commissioned as a special police officer.
- (f) Special police officers shall be required to satisfactorily complete pre-assignment, on-the-job, and in-service training programs which have been prescribed and approved by the Mayor.
- (g) Pre-assignment training shall include at least sixteen (16) hours of training on arrest powers, search and seizure laws, the District of Columbia Official Code, and the use of force. Pre-assignment training shall include an additional twenty-four (24) hours of training generally relating to the special police officer's duties and specifically including:
  - (1) Terrorism awareness, including building evacuation, unattended packages, and unknown substances;
  - (2) Emergency procedures, including evacuation and first-aid; and
  - (3) Customer service and interaction with tourists.



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- (h) Special police officers shall satisfactorily complete a 16-hour, on-the-job training course within ninety (90) working days following employment, and an 8-hour annual in-service training course.
- (i) Special police officers shall also satisfy all additional initial and re-qualification training standards for firearms and other equipment, as applicable.
- (j) Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit a security agency from voluntarily providing training programs and courses which exceed the minimum requirements of this chapter. Upon satisfactory completion of a required training course, a special police officer shall receive from his or her employer a certificate evidencing satisfactory completion thereof.

## Intermediate Weapons Courses Eligibility

1. Be a minimum of 18 years of age;
2. Be a United States citizen or legal resident alien of the United States.