

Sec. 29-161-2. Requirements for licensing as a private detective or private detective agency

(a) An applicant for licensing as a private detective or private detective agency or the person applying on behalf of an association, corporation or partnership for licensing as a private detective agency shall be not less than twenty-five (25) years of age and of good moral character. Such applicant shall have had at least ten (10) years of full-time employment as a state or municipal police officer, or at least five (5) years of full-time employment as a licensed private detective or investigator, operator of a detective agency, detective or investigator with a federal, state or local law enforcement agency or as a municipal fire investigator.

(b) An application by an individual or by an association, corporation or partnership shall be made on forms prescribed by the commissioner and in the manner provided by section 29-155 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The application fee provided in section 29-155c of the Connecticut General Statutes, payable to the Department of Public Safety with a cashier's check, money order or by such other method as the commissioner may prescribe, shall accompany the application. In addition, an applicant shall return all completed state and federal fingerprint cards, together with the appropriate fee per set, which shall be paid with a cashier's check or money order payable to the Department of Public Safety, or by such other payment method as the commissioner may prescribe. All supporting documentation that is required to be provided with such application shall be submitted to the department not later than sixty (60) days after the date that the application is filed.

(c) In addition to the items provided in subsection (b) of this section, an applicant shall provide the following documentation:

(1) Motor vehicle operator's records for the previous three years from any state in which the applicant resided during that period and a copy of the applicant's current motor vehicle operator's license;

(2) Copy of his or her DD-214 or other reliable documentation of military service, with reenlistment codes, if applicable;

(3) Credit bureau report prepared no more than six (6) months before the date of application for an individual applicant;

(4) Copy of a high school diploma, General Equivalency Degree (GED), college transcript or college degree, or proof of training as a private detective or private investigator, such as course transcripts or certificates;

(5) Proof of citizenship or the right to work in this country;

(6) If applicable, proof of employment as a private detective or private investigator, including length of service, title or titles held, duties performed in each position held, date of retirement or other separation from employment and the reason for separation from the employment. For the purposes of this subdivision, such proof may include, but shall not be limited to, statements from current or former employers;

(7) If the applicant is an individual or an association, corporation or partnership, information regarding whether the applicant is or has been licensed by Connecticut or another state. For applicants previously or currently licensed in another state, verification from the state licensing agency stating the applicant's name, type of license held, duration of license and proof that the license was or is in good standing;

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(8) If the applicant is a corporation, proof of incorporation in Connecticut or authority to do business in Connecticut as a foreign corporation, issued by the Connecticut Secretary of the State's office;

(9) If the applicant is an association, corporation or partnership, such information as is required by section 29-155 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

(10) Four letters of character reference drafted and signed by the authors shall be sent directly to the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit by the authors. Letters shall include the authors' addresses and telephone numbers and, where available, e-mail addresses. The Special Licensing and Firearms Unit shall not consider form letters or letters from the applicant's spouse, parents or other immediate family members.

(d) Oral interviews shall be scheduled once applications are complete.

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