



South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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Attached is the Policy and Affidavit for Emergency Registration for Security Officers. **This is used only when the Governor of South Carolina declares a state of emergency.** Please read this policy in case you receive a telephone call regarding this matter. The companies who request this information must email the Affidavits to reglicense@sled.sc.gov prior to active duty of security officer.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

EMERGENCY REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN-STATE PRIVATE SECURITY GUARDS FOR SERVICE IN SOUTH CAROLINA DURING PERIODS OF EMERGENCY

1. This policy and procedure is intended to provide for enhanced public welfare and safety by providing for emergency registration of qualified private security personnel in South Carolina to secure business and personal property and to aid in restoration of essential services during and following periods of emergency as defined herein.
2. Emergency registration will be granted only upon a declaration of emergency by the Governor of South Carolina or as otherwise determined by the Chief of SLED.
3. Empowering language in the Governor's Declaration of Emergency will be as follows:

“ ... I further order that all licensing and registration requirements regarding private security personnel or companies who are contracted with South Carolina security companies in protecting property and restoring essential services in South Carolina be suspended, and that the State Law Enforcement Division shall initiate an emergency registration process for those personnel or companies for a period specified, and in a manner deemed appropriate, by the Chief of the State Law Enforcement Division.”
4. This policy will authorize employment and posting in South Carolina of the following classifications of security personnel:
 - A. Trained security department employees of utility companies to provide security to personnel and equipment of their employing entity;
 - B. Legally and currently registered or licensed security guards employed by private security companies licensed in Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee or Virginia, or another state, as determined by the Chief of SLED.



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5. Authorization for such employees is limited to those who have successfully completed training as private security personnel in the state in which they are registered or licensed as security guards.
6. Such employees will hold emergency registration by authority of Executive Order of the Governor, Chapter 18, Title 40, South Carolina Code of Laws and this policy, and will have the powers and authorities of registered security officers in South Carolina, pursuant to Section 40-18-110.
7. Only those persons meeting the following requirements will be considered registered under emergency circumstances to provide security services in this State:
 - A. The South Carolina employer must be a licensed private security entity in this State;
 - B. The security officer must be currently employed and licensed or registered in another State requiring at least four hours of basic private security training and, if armed, at least four additional hours of firearms training, including a demonstration of competence on a firing range in the presence of a certified and/or authorized instructor;
 - C. An official of the security officer's current employing security company must complete, certify and furnish the accompanying *Affidavit for Emergency Security Guard Registration* form to the South Carolina employer prior to the security officer being placed on a security post;
 - D. The South Carolina employer must brief each incoming security guard concerning the laws of South Carolina governing private security officer authority, arrest, use of force and deadly force, and must document and retain detailed documentation of such briefings in its files, subject to inspection by SLED.
 - E. The South Carolina employer must furnish the completed *Affidavit For Emergency Security Guard Registration* form to SLED via email message (reglicense@sled.sc.gov), prior to the security officer being placed on a security post.
8. The emergency registration of each individual security guard will remain effective for the duration of the emergency declared by the governor of South Carolina or as directed by the Chief of SLED or his designee.



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AFFIDAVIT FOR EMERGENCY SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION

This is to certify that (name) _____, (date of birth) _____, (social security number) _____ has successfully completed the training required and is currently employed as and licensed or registered as a private security guard in the State of _____.

FIREARMS DECLARATION

This will certify that the named person is intended to work while armed with a firearm and that he or she has successfully completed the required firearms training program and is currently employed as and licensed or registered as an armed private security officer in the State of _____ and that he or she is not prohibited by law from possessing a firearm.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

THIS _____ DAY OF _____, _____.

AFFIANT

**NOTARY PUBLIC FOR THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLIN**

DATE



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