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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS	MARYLAND SECURITY OFFICER	DC SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER	DC UN-ARMED SECURITY OFFICER
General topic instruction		X	X
Firearms training (armed officers only)	X	X	
Pass written test			X
Employed by security agency prior to licensing	X	X	X
Work permitted pending licensing approval	X		X
United States citizenship		X	
Minimum age	18	21	18
Ability to read, write, speak english		X	X
Good moral character & reputation	X	X	X
High school diploma or GED		X	
Drug Screening		X	X
Doctors Physical		X	X
Military dishonorable discharge prohibited		X	
Fingerprinting for criminal history check	X	X	X
Crime of violence conviction prohibited	X	X	X
Misdemeanor criminal convictions	prohibits prior misdemeanor conviction which relates to the fitness and qualification of applicant	five or more years have passed since conviction and completion of sentencing	one or more years have passed since conviction and completion of sentencing for larceny or weapons charge
Felony criminal convictions	prohibits any felony convictions	ten or more years have passed since conviction and completion of sentencing	Two or more years have passed since conviction and completion of sentencing

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