

DPSST Private Security Bulletin

Training Requirements and Remediation Standards as described in Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR)

Training Requirements

The Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (Board) approves the content of and standards for all training courses and testing required for certification as a private security professional and the standards for all instructors providing the training. An important part of this is understanding what specifically the prescribed training hours include and what they exclude—so instructors and agencies can remain in compliance.

Unarmed Security Professionals

Basic Training Hours Required: 14 hours

Scope of Hours: The 14-hour requirement includes both the instructional delivery and the exam and assessments. OAR 259-060-0120(3)(a)

Refresher Training Hours Requirement: 4 hours

Scope of Hours: The 4-hour requirement includes the course and exam. OAR 259-060-0120(3)(b)

Alarm Monitor Professionals

Basic Training Hours Required: (2 part) 8 hours + 4 hours

Scope of Hours: The 8-hour requirement includes instruction and the exam. The additional 4 hours are dedicated to the alarm monitor assessment. OAR 259-060-0120 (2)(a)

Refresher Training Hours Requirement: 4 hours

Scope of Hours: The 4-hour requirement includes the course and exam. OAR 259-060-0120(2)(b)

Armed Security Professionals – Basic Firearms Course

Basic Training Hours Required: 24 hours

Scope of Hours: The 24-hour training requirement is dedicated to covering *the firearms instruction material*. This excludes:

- The Safe Gun Handling Test.
- The Handgun Marksmanship Qualification Course.

The excluded evaluations are to be conducted separately from the 24-hour instruction block.
OAR 259-060-0060(9)(d)(A)

Refresher Training Hours Requirement: 4 hours

Scope of Hours: The 4-hour requirement is dedicated to classroom instruction of the refresher material. This excludes:

- The Safe Gun Handling Test.
- The Handgun Marksmanship Qualification Course.

OAR 259-060-0060(9)(i)

Remediation Requirements

Instructors are reminded that the remediation process outlined in OAR 259-060-0136(7)(a) and (b) is an **individualized process**—not to be conducted as a group review or re-instruction. Each student's remediation must be tailored to address the individual student's specific deficiencies, ensuring accountability and focused correction.

Instructors are also reminded that the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) established a **two-tier process** for remediation based on test scores. The **first tier** applies to students scoring between **85% and 99%** on any examination. For any students scoring in this range, the instructor is required to remediate by reviewing each incorrect test response with the student individually. The instructor must explain the principle behind each question, the correct answer, and the rationale supporting it. The student must then demonstrate understanding through oral responses. If, in the view of the instructor, the student correctly understands the correct answer and the rationale supporting it, the student may be considered remediated. In the event a student is unable to articulate an appropriate understanding, the instructor has the authority to terminate the training and indicate on the training affidavit (PS-6) that the student has not successfully completed the required training.

The **second tier** applies to students scoring **below 85%**. In these cases, the instructor must either **fail the student** or **reinstruct the section or sections of the curriculum where the student gave incorrect answers**, and after reinstruction, **readminister the complete examination**.

Instructors are expected to document the remediation process thoroughly in compliance with DPSST OARs and retain all relevant records in the class training file.

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