Steps that you have to take in British Columbia (B.C.)

You want to work as a licensed Security Guard in B.C.

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Register for a Basic Security Training course. Basic Security Training courses can be completed online through the Justice Institute of B.C., or through several training schools throughout B.C. See the Justice Institute of B.C. (JIBC)'s website to apply, or for a list of approved security training schools, http://jibc.ca/programs-courses/schools-departments/school-public-safety-security/justice-public-safety-division/security-training-programs/basic-security-training. The JIBC Basic Security Training course can be completed online and will cost $390.

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You successfully passed the Basic Security Training course? —No→ Contact the Justice Institute of B.C. for information on rewriting the exa: http://jibc.ca/registration/contact-registration

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Apply to the B.C. Ministry of Justice for a Security Worker's license. Security Guards require Security Worker Licenses from the B.C. Ministry of Justice. For an overview on the Security Worker License process: http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/securityindustry/worker/before-you-apply.htm

To prove your identify and citizenship, you must provide a clear copy of either a Record of Landing Document, a Confirmation of Permanent Residence Document, a Permanent Residence Card, a Citizenship Certificate Card, a Study Permit or Work Permit, a Driver's License or a Passport

A passport quality photograph of yourself that has been taken in the last 12 months. The photo will be used on your Security Worker License

The Ministry of Justice must have a copy of all Security Worker licensees fingerprints on file. You are responsible to have your fingerprints taken in B.C, using the Request for Fingerprinting form: http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/securityindustry/shareddocs/spd0507-fingerprinting.pdf

When you sign your application form, you are giving consent to the Ministry of Justice to run a criminal record check, police information and correctional service record check on you

You must provide the Ministry of Justice with particulars of any mental conditions for which you are receiving treatment. Provide the Mental Condition form to your doctor to complete: http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/securityindustry/shareddocs/spd0511-mentalcondition.pdf

A copy of Basic Security Training certificate

If English is not your first language, you will need to have an English Language Benchmark proficiency of Stage 2, or Benchmark 5. For more information: http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/securityindustry/shareddocs/clblevel5.pdf

License fees vary from $60 - $240 depending on the license term

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Complete the application form and attach any required documentation. You can complete the application form online, or submit it by mailing it to the Securities Division Program http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/securityindustry/shareddocs/spd0503-worker-new.pdf

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You qualify for a license? —No→ The Ministry of Justice will let you know why you did not qualify, and what steps you can take to reapply

↓ Yes

You should receive your license within a month of your application being received, as long as there are no problems with the application package. Security Programs will contact you if there is missing or incomplete information

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You are now licensed to work as a Security Guard in B.C.

Note: This map describes the different paths to take to become a security guard in British Columbia (B.C.). It is intended to be read along with the Job Profile and Quiz Results. The path you will need to take depends on the type of training/education and work-related experience you currently have in this occupation. Please ensure that all the documents you submit are in English. The approximate time it will take to go through this path ranges from 6 weeks to 5 months. This timeframe will vary depending on how quickly you complete the application form(s), write the exams, and take any required courses. The cost of qualification is approximately $450 to $630. The fees listed may include tax. None of the fees include the cost of post-secondary education. Visit the Ministry of Justice's website for the most up to date information on the Security Worker license [http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/securityindustry/worker/index.htm]