

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



NEW PRIVATE INVESTIGATION BUSINESS

The attached forms and information must be submitted to SLED Regulatory Services.

1. LICENSE FEE - \$350.00 Annually – must be a cashier’s check, money order, company check, or personal check made payable to SLED. All fees are non-refundable and must be in the correct amount, or it will be returned with your application. There is no additional fee for the license holder’s private investigation registration.
2. Application must be completed, signed and notarized.
3. One (1) complete set of fingerprints (card attached).
4. One (1) color photograph of applicant.
5. Private Investigation business must submit a Surety Bond for \$10,000 in favor of the State of South Carolina. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in this state. Bond form must state license holder’s name and company; principal and surety attorney-in-fact must sign it with two witnesses to each of his/her signatures. Power of Attorney of the Surety Company must be attached.
6. Statement from the Clerk of Court’s office from the county in which you reside, stating that there are no outstanding civil judgments against you.
7. Form PD/PS-9 must be completed. If the company is not incorporated, the individual who is applying for license must have a financial interest in the company. If the business is a corporation and the corporate head does not wish to apply for the license, he may designate, in writing, a corporate official to complete the application for license.



8. Private Investigation license holder qualifications. Need 3 years experience:
 - As a private investigator with a licensed private investigative agency.
 - As an investigator of a law firm, government agency, private corporation, nonprofit organization, or in a capacity that SLED determines has provided the requisite investigative experience.
9. Submit a copy of your DD Form 214, if applicable.
10. Private Investigation Business applicants must submit a copy of their sample contract for SLED's approval, pursuant to Section 40-18-70(F).

Please allow four to six weeks for processing and investigation of your application.

Enclosures

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