

# **LAWS OF BARBADOS**

## **PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS AND SECURITY GUARDS ACT**

### **CHAPTER 372E**

#### **(SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION)**

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**PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS AND SECURITY  
GUARDS REGULATIONS, 1985**

1986/2.

**Authority:** These regulations were made on 30th December 1985 by the Board with the approval of the Minister under section 29 of the *Private Investigators and Security Guards Act*.

**Commencement:** 2nd January, 1986.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Private Investigators and Security Guards Regulations, 1985*. Short title.

2. (1) An application for a licence to operate  
(a) a private investigator or security guard agency; or  
(b) as a private investigator or security guard,  
must be made to the Board in the approved form. Applica-  
tions.

(2) An application by an agency wishing to employ persons to assist private investigators employed by that agency must apply to the Board in the approved form.

3. (1) A licence to operate a private investigator or security guard agency must be in the approved form. Form of licence.

(2) A licence to operate as a private investigator or security guard must be in the approved form.

(3) A licence granted under this regulation is subject to the Act and these regulations.

4. (1) An agency to which a licence is granted under section 17 of the Act must maintain Obligations of Agency.

- (a) a register of employees;
- (b) a register of firearms;
- (c) a record of the movement of firearms;
- (d) a record of ammunition used and retained; and
- (e) any other books or records which the Board may from time to time require.

(2) A person authorised by the Board may at any reasonable time request an agency to furnish, for the Board's inspection, any record, register or book that is kept for the purposes of this regulation.

(3) An agency which fails or refuses to furnish any record, register or book after being requested so to do is guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$500.

Fees.  
First  
Schedule.

5. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), the fees payable under these regulations are set out in the *First Schedule*.

(2) Any person who is employed by the Crown as a security guard shall not be liable to pay the fees set out in the *First Schedule*.

Code of  
conduct.  
Second  
Schedule.

6. A security guard must comply with the Code of Conduct set out in the *Second Schedule*.

Uniforms,  
identifica-  
tion etc.

7. (1) Each agency to which a licence is granted shall provide each guard employed by it with

- (a) uniform, comprising a pair of trousers, a shirt, boots, or shoes and a cap;
- (b) an identifying badge bearing the security guard's name and number must be placed on the left breast of the shirt; and
- (c) epaulettes bearing an identifying letter for the agency and a number for each individual guard.

(2) Each agency must provide the Board with a sample of the uniform that is proposed to be used prior to its being issued, for inspection and approval.

(3) Where a uniform for a security guard employed by an agency is currently in use a sample of such uniform must be submitted to the Board for approval within a reasonable time after the commencement of these regulations.

(4) A security guard who is not employed by an agency must wear an identification badge and a cap which must be approved by the Board.

8. (1) A security guard agency must apply to the Board for permission for any security guard to have in his possession an instrument of defence.

(2) A security guard who is not employed by an agency must apply to the Board for permission to have in his possession an instrument of defence for such purposes as the Board determines.

(3) An application for the purposes of paragraph (1) must be made to the Board in the approved form.

(4) The Board after consultation with the Commissioner may grant permission to an agency to allow certain of its authorized security guards to carry firearms for any of the following purposes:

- (a) to accompany payrolls or other large sums of money; or
- (b) to undertake guard duty in specified areas which in the opinion of the Board merit such security measures.

#### FIRST SCHEDULE

(Regulation 5)

##### FEES

Annual Licence fee for agency	...	...	...	...	\$ 1 000
Annual Licence fee for Private Investigator	...	...	...	...	\$ 500
Annual Licence fee for Security Guard	...	...	...	...	\$ 10
Bond for Private Investigator	...	...	...	...	\$ 1 000
Bond for Security Guard	...	...	...	...	\$ 500
Securities for agency	...	...	...	...	\$20 000
Fee for viewing Register of Private Investigators and Security Guards	...	...	...	...	\$ 1
Fee for occasional Investigator	...	...	...	...	\$ 100

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## SECOND SCHEDULE

*(Regulation 6)*

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SECURITY GUARDS

1. A security guard must at all times maintain a high standard of behaviour and undertake any duties assigned to him in a professional and responsible manner.
2. A security guard must carry his instrument of authority (identification card) at all times when on duty and shall produce it to a member of the Royal Barbados Police Force or his employer when requested to do so.
3. A security guard must assist a police officer in making an arrest or in the prevention of a breach of the peace if requested to do so.
4. A security guard must produce his instrument of authority (identification card) on the request of a member of the public, where appropriate.
5. A security guard must not wear his uniform unless he is on duty, which includes journeying to and from work.
6. A security guard must exercise due care and attention in carrying out his duties and must not use more force than is reasonably necessary in the performance of his duties.
7. A security guard must at all times act reasonably in the performance of his duties.
8. A security guard is expected to be civil to the public at all times and must refrain from acting in a manner which could bring the Security Guard Service into disrepute.
9. A security guard is expected to be honest and is expected to refrain from knowingly making or signing any false statement.
10. A security guard must not accept any tip, bribe or other inducement.
11. A security guard must not render himself incapable of effectively performing his duties on account of the influence of alcohol or any drug.