

1 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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3 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
4 493.6106, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

5 493.6106 License requirements; posting.--

6 (1) Each individual licensed by the department must:

7 (a) Be at least 18 years of age, except that Class
8 "C," Class "MA," and Class "M" licensees must be at least 21
9 years of age.

10 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 493.6113, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 493.6113 Renewal application for licensure.--

13 (3) Each licensee shall be responsible for renewing
14 his or her license on or before its expiration by filing with
15 the department an application for renewal accompanied by
16 payment of the prescribed license fee.

17 (a) Each ~~Class "A,"~~ Class "B," ~~or Class "R"~~ licensee
18 shall additionally submit on a form prescribed by the
19 department a certification of insurance which evidences that
20 the licensee maintains adequate commercial general liability
21 coverage as required under s. 493.6110.

22 (b) Each Class "G" licensee shall additionally submit
23 proof that he or she has received during each year of the
24 license period a minimum of 4 hours of firearms
25 recertification training taught by a Class "K" licensee and
26 has complied with such other health and training requirements
27 which the department may adopt by rule. If proof of a minimum
28 of 4 hours of annual firearms recertification training cannot
29 be provided, the renewal applicant shall complete the minimum
30 number of hours of range and classroom training required at
31 the time of initial licensure.

1 (c) Each Class "DS" or Class "RS" licensee shall
2 additionally submit the current curriculum, examination, and
3 list of instructors.

4 (d) Effective September 1, 2007, each Class "C," Class
5 "CC," Class "M," Class "MA," Class "E," Class "EE," Class
6 "MR," and Class "RI" licensee shall provide proof, in a form
7 established by rule of the department, that the licensee has
8 completed not less than 6 hours of continuing education in
9 Florida law and rules regulating the professions, including
10 criminal law, court decisions, and legal opinions that impact
11 the professions, which may include 2 hours of terrorism
12 awareness, presented by approved providers, during the
13 biennium since the issuance or last renewal of the license.
14 Licensees who hold more than one license issued pursuant to
15 this chapter shall be required to complete the continuing
16 education only once during any biennium.

17 (e) The department shall by rule establish criteria
18 for the continuing education and approval of providers,
19 including requirements relating to the content of courses and
20 provider expertise. In order to obtain approval as a provider,
21 the person must be qualified by education or experience in the
22 specific area of instruction to be presented.

23 (f) Approved continuing education training shall be
24 conducted only by approved providers at various locations
25 within or outside the state at times convenient for licensees,
26 including weekends. Before entering the room where the
27 training occurs, each licensee shall present his or her
28 personal license to the approved provider, who shall
29 physically verify the personal identity and license number of
30 the licensee. The approved provider shall issue a certificate
31 of completion to each licensee who completes the approved

1 courses. The certificate shall be on a form established by
2 rule of the department and must be submitted with the
3 application for renewal of licensure.

4 Section 3. Paragraphs (f) and (g) are added to
5 subsection (1) of section 493.6202, Florida Statutes, to read:

6 493.6202 Fees.--

7 (1) The department shall establish by rule examination
8 and biennial license fees, which shall not exceed the
9 following:

10 (f) Fee for the examination for private investigator:
11 \$100.

12 (g) Biennial fee for provider approval: \$200.

13 Section 4. Section 493.6203, Florida Statutes, is
14 amended to read:

15 493.6203 License requirements.--In addition to the
16 license requirements set forth elsewhere in this chapter, each
17 individual or agency shall comply with the following
18 additional requirements:

19 (1) Each agency or branch office shall designate a
20 minimum of one appropriately licensed individual to act as
21 manager, directing the activities of the Class "C" or Class
22 "CC" employees.

23 (2) An applicant for a Class "MA" license shall have
24 at least 2 years of lawfully gained, verifiable, full-time
25 experience, or training in:

26 (a) Private investigative work or related fields of
27 work that provided equivalent experience or training;

28 (b) Work as a Class "CC" licensed intern;

29 (c) Any combination of paragraphs (a) and (b);

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1 (d) Experience described in paragraph (a) for at least
2 1 year and experience described as follows ~~in paragraph (e)~~
3 ~~for 1 year;~~

4 ~~(e)~~ no more than 1 year ~~using:~~

5 1. College coursework related to criminal justice,
6 criminology, or law enforcement administration; or

7 2. Successfully completed law enforcement-related
8 training received from any federal, state, county, or
9 municipal agency; or

10 ~~(e)(f)~~ Experience described in paragraph (a) for at
11 least 1 year and work in a managerial or supervisory capacity
12 for at least 1 year.

13 (3) An applicant for a Class "M" license shall qualify
14 for licensure as a Class "MA" manager as outlined under
15 subsection (2) and as a Class "MB" manager as outlined under
16 s. 493.6303(2).

17 (4) An applicant for a Class "C" license shall have 2
18 years of lawfully gained, verifiable, full-time experience, or
19 training in one, or a combination of more than one, of the
20 following:

21 (a) Private investigative work or related fields of
22 work that provided equivalent experience or training.

23 (b) College coursework related to criminal justice,
24 criminology, or law enforcement administration, or successful
25 completion of any law enforcement-related training received
26 from any federal, state, county, or municipal agency, except
27 that no more than 1 year may be used from this category.

28 (c) Work as a Class "CC" licensed intern.

29 (5)(a) Effective March 1, 2007, an applicant for a
30 Class "C" license who meets the experience criteria in
31 subsection (4) must pass an examination on the provisions of

1 this chapter, which shall be administered by the department or
2 an examination provider approved by the department. The
3 applicant is not required to pass the examination prior to
4 submission of the application but must do so prior to issuance
5 of the license. The administrator of the examination must
6 verify the identity of each applicant taking the examination.

7 (b) The examination requirements of paragraph (a) do
8 not apply to any individual who holds a valid Class "CC,"
9 Class "C," Class "MA," or Class "M" license issued on or
10 before March 1, 2007.

11 (c) Notwithstanding the exemption in paragraph (b),
12 any individual whose license has been invalid for any reason
13 for more than 1 year must successfully pass the examination,
14 even if previously taken.

15 (6)(a) Effective September 1, 2007, an applicant for a
16 Class "CC" license must have, within the preceding 12 months,
17 satisfactorily completed a minimum 40-hour course from a
18 school, college, or university regulated by the Department of
19 Education, which course pertains to general investigative
20 techniques and this chapter, and shall pass an examination.
21 The training specified in this subsection may be provided by
22 live presentation, on line, or by home study in accordance
23 with Department of Education rules and procedures. The
24 administrator of the examination shall verify the identity of
25 all applicants taking the examination.

26 (b) Upon successful completion of the approved course,
27 the school, college, or university shall issue a certificate
28 of completion to the applicant. The certificate shall be on a
29 form established by rule of the department and must be
30 submitted with the application for the Class "CC" license.

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1 (c) The department shall by rule establish the general
2 content of the training and examination criteria.

3 (d) Any individual whose Class "CC" license has been
4 invalid for any reason for more than 1 year must complete the
5 training, even if previously taken.

6 ~~(7)(5)~~ A Class "CC" licensee shall serve an internship
7 under the direction and control of a designated sponsor, who
8 is a Class "C," Class "MA," or Class "M" licensee.

9 ~~(8)(6)~~ In addition to any other requirement, an
10 applicant for a Class "G" license shall satisfy the firearms
11 training set forth in s. 493.6115.

12 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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