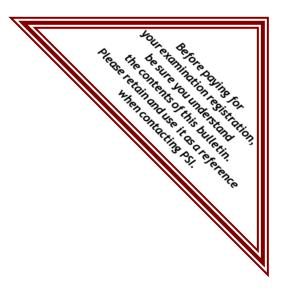


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# PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS DIVISION GEORGIA PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCY LICENSURE EXAMINATION CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN



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### **EXAMINATIONS BY PSI**

This Candidate Information Bulletin provides you with information about the examination and application process for becoming licensed as a security agent in the State of Georgia.

Georgia State law requires private security agencies to be licensed and regulated by the Professional Licensing Board. Eligibility for examination is determined by the Board.

The Board has contracted with PSI Services, LLC (PSI) to conduct its examination program. PSI provides examinations through a network of computer examination centers in Georgia. PSI works closely with the State to be certain that examinations meet local as well as national requirements in basic principles and examination development standards.

#### HOW TO OBTAIN A LICENSE

1. Please request the appropriate application by accessing the Board. All questions about applications for licensure should be directed here.

Professional Licensing Boards Division Georgia State Board of Private Detective and Security Agencies 237 Coliseum Drive Testing Center, Building B Macon, GA 31217-3858 (478) 207-1460. www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/detective

2. Board staff will process your examination application for eligibility. If approved by the Board, you will be notified how to contact PSI for registration.

All questions and requests for information about examinations should be directed to PSI.

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# EXAMINATION REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

#### ELIGIBILITY AND FEES

The following fee table lists the applicable fee for the examination. The fee is for <u>each</u> registration, whether you are taking the examination for the first time or repeating.

- Once the Board notifies PSI that you are eligible to take the examination, you have one year to schedule and take your examination. After one year, your examination eligibility will expire and you will need to submit another application form before being able to take an examination.
- You will have three attempts to take this examination within the one year period.



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#### **EXAMINATION FEE**

**Examination Fee** 

\$125

NOTE: REGISTRATION FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE

#### INTERNET REGISTRATION

For the fastest and most convenient test scheduling process, PSI recommends that candidates register for their exams using the Internet. In order to register over the Internet, candidates will need to have a valid MasterCard or Visa. Candidates register online by accessing PSI's registration website at <u>www.psiexams.com</u>. Internet registration is available 24 hours a day. In order to register by Internet, complete the steps below. For internet registration, you will need a valid VISA or MasterCard.

- 1. Log onto PSI's website and complete the associated registration form online and submit your information to PSI via the Internet.
- 2. Upon completion of the online registration form, you will be given the available exam dates and locations for scheduling your examination. Select your desired testing date

#### **TELEPHONE REGISTRATION**

The second fastest method of scheduling is via the telephone with PSI's Interactive Voice Response system (IVR) during non-business hours or through live registrars during business hours. For telephone registration, you will need a valid VISA or MasterCard.

Complete the Examination Registration Form, including your credit card number and expiration date, so that you will be prepared with all of the information needed to register by telephone.

Call (800) 733-9267, 24 hours a day and register using the Automated Registration System. Otherwise, PSI registrars are available Monday through Friday, between 7:30 am and 8:00 pm and Saturday, between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm, Eastern Time, to receive the information listed on your Examination Registration Form and schedule your appointment for the examination.

#### FAX REGISTRATION

For Fax registration, you will need a valid VISA or MasterCard.

Complete the Examination Registration Form, including your credit card number and expiration date.

- 1. Fax the completed form to PSI (702) 932-2666. Fax registrations are accepted 24 hours a day.
- 2. If your information is incomplete or incorrect, it will be returned for correction.

Please allow 4 business days to process your Registration. After 4 business days, you may call PSI to schedule the examination, (800) 733-9267.

#### STANDARD MAIL REGISTRATION

For those desiring to make payment for their examination using cashiers checks or money orders, or for those that simply do not wish to provide credit card information over the phone or Internet, you must use the Standard Mail Registration. In order to register, please follow the steps below.

 Complete the PSI registration Form, and appropriate examination fee to PSI. Payment of fees can be made by money order or cashier's check. Money orders or cashier's checks should be made payable to PSI. Print your ID number on your cashier's check or money order to ensure that your fees are properly assigned. CASH, COMPANY CHECKS, PERSONAL CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

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BE SURE TO READ ALL DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE EXAMINATION REGISTRATION FORMS. IMPROPERLY COMPLETED FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU UNPROCESSED.

- 2. If your application or fees are not correct, we will return them to you immediately with instructions on correct application procedures.
- 3. Please allow 2 weeks to process your Registration. After 2 weeks, you may call PSI to schedule the examination after 7:30 a.m., Eastern Time, (800) 733-9267.

#### CANCELING AN EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT

You may cancel and reschedule an examination appointment without forfeiting your fee if your *cancellation notice is received 2 days before the scheduled examination date*. For example, for a Monday appointment, the cancellation notice would need to be received on the previous Saturday. You may call PSI at (800) 733-9267. Please note that you may also use the automated system, using a touch-tone phone, 24 hours a day in order to cancel and reschedule your appointment.

Note: A voice mail message is not an acceptable form of cancellation. Please use the Internet, automated telephone system (IVR), or call PSI and speak to a Customer Service Representative.

#### SCHEDULING A RE-EXAMINATION

In order to retest, you must re-register following the steps for registration and scheduling as outlined earlier. You may reregister over the Internet, telephone or by mail. Once registered, you can reschedule for your re-examination.

#### MISSED APPOINTMENT OR LATE CANCELLATION

Your registration will be invalid, you will not be able to take the examination as scheduled, and you will forfeit your examination fee, if you:

- Do not cancel your appointment 2 days before the schedule examination date;
- Do not appear for your examination appointment;
- Arrive after examination start time;
- Do not present proper identification when you arrive for the examination.

#### SPECIAL EXAMINATION ARRANGEMENTS

All examination centers are equipped to provide access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and every reasonable accommodation will be made in meeting a candidate's needs. Qualified candidates with sensory, mental or physical disabilities that would prevent them from taking the examination under standard conditions may request special accommodations. Candidates should check the appropriate space on the "Examination Scheduling Form," and contact the Board office at the address below, to obtain the "Request for Disability Accommodation Guidelines." Application materials, including information requested in the "Guidelines," must be received by the Board by the application deadline and are available from:

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#### EXAMINATION SITE CLOSING FOR AN EMERGENCY

In the event that severe weather or another emergency forces the closure of an examination site on a scheduled examination date, your examination will be rescheduled. PSI personnel will attempt to contact you in this situation. However, you may check the status of your examination schedule by calling (800) 733-9267. Every effort will be made to reschedule your examination at a convenient time as soon as possible. You may also check our website at www.psiexams.com.

### **EXAMINATION SITE LOCATIONS**

The PSI examinations are administered at the examination centers listed below:

PSI Atlanta Circle 75 Office Park 1000 Circle 75 Parkway, Suite 720 Atlanta, GA 30339 From I-285 Bypass N, take exit- Exit 51B- toward Chattanooga/Greenville. Merge onto I-285. Take the Cobb Pkwy / US-41 exit- Exit 19- toward Dobbins ARB. Turn Left

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onto Cobb Pkwy SE / US-41 N / GA-3 N. Turn slight right onto Circle 75 Pkwy SE. You must park on Level P-2 in the parking deck.

#### **PSI Macon**

3902 Northside Dr, Suite C5 Macon, GA 31210 *From the North* 

Take I-75 South to exit 169. Turn left onto Arkwright Road. Turn right at the second traffic light. Turn left at Ashley Park Office Building (where 2 American Flags hang). You must enter and park from the rear of building. From the South

Take I-75 North to exit 169. Turn onto missing Arkwright Road. Turn right at the second traffic light. Turn left at Ashley Park Office Building (where 2 American Flags hang). You must enter and park from the rear of building.

#### **PSI Tifton**

251 Southwell Blvd. Suite A Tifton, GA 31794

*I-75 S / GA-401 S. Take the Southwell Blvd exit- Exit 59. Turn Left onto CR-204 / Southwell Blvd. Continue to follow Southwell Blvd.* 

## REPORTING TO THE EXAMINATION SITE

On the day of the examination, you should arrive at least 30 minutes before your appointment. This extra time is for signin and identification. *If you arrive late, you may not be admitted to the examination site and you will forfeit your examination registration fee.* 

#### **REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION AT EXAMINATION SITE**

*You must provide 2 forms of identification.* One must be a VALID form of government issued identification (driver's license, state ID, passport), which bears your signature and has your photograph. The second ID must have your signature and preprinted legal name. All identification provided must match the name on the Examination Registration Form and your Registration Confirmation Notice.

If you cannot provide the required identification, you must call (800) 733-9267 at least 3 weeks prior to your scheduled appointment to arrange a way to meet this security requirement. Failure to provide all of the required identification at the time of the examination without notifying PSI is considered a missed appointment, and you will not be able to take the examination.

#### SECURITY PROCEDURES

The following security procedures will apply during the examination:

- NO conversing or any other form of communication among candidates is permitted once you enter the examination area.
- Please be advised that children, cell phones, pagers, cameras, programmable electronic devices and recording devices of any kind are NOT allowed to enter PSI testing centers. Additionally, NO personal items

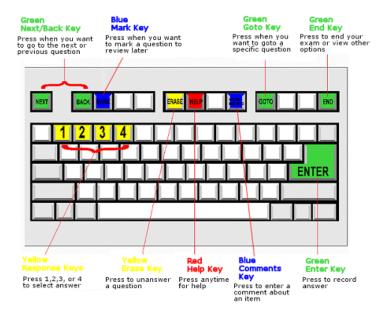


are to enter the testing centers. PSI will not be responsible for any personal items, and suggests that you leave such items in another safe place, of your choosing.

- Only non-programmable calculators that are silent, battery-operated, do not have paper tape printing capabilities, and do not have a keyboard containing the alphabet will be allowed in the examination site.
- No smoking, eating, or drinking will be allowed at the examination site.
- You may not exit the building during the examination.
- Copying or communicating examination content is a violation of PSI security policy and the State Law.
  Either one may result in the disqualification of examination results and may lead to legal action.

### TAKING THE EXAMINATION BY COMPUTER

Taking the PSI examination by computer is simple. You do not need any computer experience or typing skills. You will use fewer keys than you use on a touch-tone telephone. All response keys are colored and have prominent characters. An illustration of the special keyboard is shown here. You may also use the mouse.



#### **IDENTIFICATION SCREEN**

You will be directed to a semiprivate testing station to take the examination. When you are seated at the testing station, you will be prompted to confirm your name, identification number, and the examination for which you are registered.

#### TUTORIAL

Before you start your examination, an introductory tutorial to the computer and keyboard is provided on the computer screen. The time you spend on this tutorial, up to 15 minutes, DOES NOT count as part of your examination time. Sample questions are included following the tutorial so that you may practice using the keys, answering questions, and reviewing your answers.

One question appears on the screen at a time. During the examination, minutes remaining will be displayed at the top of the screen and updated as you record your answers.

#### EXAMINATION QUESTION EXAMPLE

During the examination, you should press 1, 2, 3, or 4 to select your answer or press "MARK" to mark it for later review. You should then press "ENTER" to record your answer and move on to the next question. A sample question display follows:

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	Question: 3 of 40	Answered: 2	Unanswered: 1	Marked: O	View: All	Time Left(Min): 359	
3.	What do the stars	on the United S	itates of America's	flag represent?			
	(Choose from the fo	llowing options)					
	🗌 1. Presidents	i					
	🗌 2. Colonies						
	🗌 3. States						
	🗌 4. Wars						
			<< Back	Next >>			

IMPORTANT: After you have entered your responses, you will later be able to return to any question(s) and change your response, provided the examination time has not run out.

#### PRETEST ITEMS

In addition to the number of questions per examination, a small number of five to ten "pretest" questions may be administered to candidates during the examinations. These questions will not be scored and the time taken to answer them will not count against examination time. The administration of such non-scored experimental questions is an essential step in developing future licensing examinations.

#### **EXAMINATION REVIEW**

PSI, in cooperation with the Georgia Professional Licensing Board, will be consistently evaluating the examination being administered to ensure that the examination accurately measures competency in the required knowledge areas. While taking the examination, examinees will have the opportunity to provide comments on any questions, by using the comments key on the keyboard. These comments will be analyzed by PSI examination development staff. PSI does not respond to individuals regarding these comments, all substantive comments are reviewed. This is the only review of examination materials available to candidates.

### SCORE REPORTING

Your score will be given to you immediately following completion of the examination. The following summary



- <u>On screen</u> your score will appear immediately on the computer screen. This will happen automatically at the end of the time allowed for the examination; if you are using review features, you will be able to obtain your score immediately when you indicate that you have finished and would like to see your results.
  - If you <u>pass</u>, you will immediately receive a successful notification.
  - If you <u>do not pass</u>, you will immediately receive an unsuccessful notification on the screen along with a diagnostic report indicating your strengths and weaknesses by examination type. Registration forms for submittal to PSI to retake the examination will be available at the examination site.
- <u>On paper</u> an official score report will be printed at the examination site.

#### DUPLICATE SCORE REPORTS

You may request a duplicate score report at <u>www.psiexams.com</u> or you can mail a request to PSI.

# TIPS FOR PREPARING FOR YOUR LICENSE EXAMINATION

The following suggestions will help you prepare for your examination.

- Planned preparation increases your likelihood of passing.
- Start with a current copy of this Candidate Information Bulletin and use the examination content outline as the basis of your study.
- Read study materials that cover all the topics in the content outline.
- Take notes on what you study. Putting information in writing helps you commit it to memory and it is also an excellent business practice. Underline or highlight key ideas that will help with a later review.
- Discuss new terms or concepts as frequently as you can with colleagues. This will test your understanding and reinforce ideas.
- Your studies will be most effective if you study frequently, for periods of about 45 to 60 minutes. Concentration tends to wander when you study for longer periods of time.

### SAMPLE QUESTIONS

The following questions are intended to help you become familiar with some of the types of questions you may find on the examination. The questions are the multiple-choice type, and you are to select the one *best* answer of those presented. These sample questions do not represent the full range of content or difficulty levels contained in the actual examination.

- While you are on duty as a security officer for an office building complex, you see a young man apparently stealing hub caps from a car parked in the company parking lot. You should
  - a. call the police and wait until they arrive.



- b. sneak up behind the man and use an arm lock to detain him.
- c. sneak up behind the man and knock him out with your night stick.
- d. take the man into custody and hold him at gun point until the police arrive.
- 2. A permit to carry an exposed weapon may be issued after the state board is satisfied with the applicant's character, competency and eligibility as a security officer and when the applicant has
  - a. demonstrated proficiency in the use of firearms.
  - b. submitted all required documents and paid all fees.
  - c. certified that he or she does not have a criminal record.
  - d. attended a state board meeting.

### **EXAMINATION CONTENT OUTLINE**

# of Questions	Time Allowed
80	90 Minutes

#### CONTENT OUTLINE

Subject Area	% of Items
Search and Seizure	20%
Use of Force	10%
Rights of Privacy	15%
Carrying Arms	15%
Transfer of Detainees/Offenders	10%
Scope of Services	5%
Developing Service Plans/Contracts	20%
Liability	5%

#### REFERENCE LIST

The reference material listed below was used to prepare the questions for this examination. The examination may also contain questions based on trade knowledge or general industry practices

Candidates may use a silent, nonprinting, non-programmable calculator in the examination center.

This examination is CLOSED BOOK.

The following reference material <u>is not</u> allowed in the examination center:

Candidates may obtain a copy of the State Laws and Board Rules online at: <u>http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/detective</u>

General Licensure Provisions - OCGA Title 43 - Chapter 1

Georgia Board of Private Detective and Private Security Agencies Laws - OCGA Title 43 - Chapter 38

Rules of the Board of Private Detective and Private Security Agencies, available - Chapter 509.



These related Code sections are available online at: <a href="http://w3.lexis-nexis.com/hottopics/gacode/default.asp">http://w3.lexis-nexis.com/hottopics/gacode/default.asp</a>

General Provisions - OCGA Title 1. Contracts OCGA - Title 13.

Crimes and Offenses - OCGA Title 16.

Criminal Procedure - OCGA Title 17.

Labor and Industrial Relations - OCGA Title 34

Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies - OCGA Title 35.



# GEORGIA SECURITY AGENCY LICENSURE EXAMINATION **REGISTRATION FORM**

appropriate fee. PLEASE TYPE	on Bulletin before filling out this registration form. You must provide all information requested and submit the OR PRINT LEGIBLY. Registration forms that are incomplete, illegible, or not accompanied by the proper fee will be tion fees are not refundable or transferable.						
1. Legal Name:							
	First Name Last Name M.I.						
2. ID Number:	(Mandatory, you must provide your ID Number from the State)						
3. Mailing Address:							
-	Number, Street Apt/Ste						
	City State Zip Code						
4. Telephone: Home	Office						
5. <b>Email:</b>	@						
6. Examination: Security	Agent Licensure Examination (\$125)						
FIRST	TIME RETAKE						
7. Total Fees Included: \$	(Money Order or Cashier's Check only. Personal and company checks are not accepted.)						
Credit card (MasterCard	d or VISA) payment accepted for phone or fax registrations only. (Check One): MC VISA						
Card No:	Exp. Date:						
Card Verification No:	For your security, PSI requires you to enter the card identification number located on your credit card. The card identification number is located on the back of the card and consists of the last three digits on the signature strip.						
Cardholder Name (Print	:):Signature:						
8. I am requesting Special	Accommodations (see page 3 for instructions).						
	he information provided on this registration form (and/or telephonically to PSI) is correct. I understand information						
Signature:	Date:						
	IF YOU ARE REGISTERING BY MAIL OR FAX, SIGN AND DATE THIS REGISTRATION FORM ON THE LINES PROVIDED. Complete and forward this registration form with the applicable examination fee to: PSI Services, LLC * ATTN: Examination Registration GA SEC 3210 E Tropicana * Las Vegas * NV * 89121 Fax (702) 932-2666 * (800) 733-9267 * TTY (800) 735-2929						

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