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20 CSR 2234-2.010 Application for Licensure—Private Investigator

PURPOSE: This rule outlines the procedure to apply for licensure as a private investigator.

(1) An application for licensure pursuant to section 324.1108, RSMo, shall be submitted on the form which may be obtained by contacting the Board of Private Investigator Examiners.

(2) A completed application for licensure must be typewritten or printed in black ink, signed, and notarized, including information pertaining to the private investigator, and shall include:
   (A) The appropriate licensure fee pursuant to 20 CSR 2234-1.050;
   (B) Two (2) copies of a recent photograph of the applicant’s head and shoulders (commonly known as passport style) that fairly depict the applicant’s appearance;
   (C) Proof of submission of fingerprints to the Missouri State Highway Patrol’s approved vendor for both a Missouri State Highway Patrol and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) fingerprint background check. Any fees due for fingerprint background checks shall be paid by the applicant directly to the Missouri State Highway Patrol or its approved vendor;
   (D) Proof of the liability insurance required by law in the form of a Certificate of Insurance issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in the state of Missouri; a Certificate of Insurance issued by an agent is not acceptable;
   (E) Proof of workers’ compensation insurance in the form of a Certificate of Insurance issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in the state of Missouri (a Certificate of Insurance issued by an agent is not acceptable), or written statement explaining how the applicant’s business is not subject to the Workers’ Compensation law;
   (F) Successful completion of an examination, if applicable; and
   (G) Other information the applicant chooses to provide to the board to establish prior experience such as the following:
      1. Employee evaluation(s);
      2. Letters from subordinates and supervisor(s);
      3. Copy of business license(s);
      4. Copy of private investigator license(s);
      5. Proof of insurance;
      6. Copy of advertisements from the previous twenty-four (24) months;
      7. Verification of corporation or other filings with secretary of state’s office;
      8. Copy of vehicle registrations; and/or
      9. Three (3) references from clients within the last twenty-four (24) months.

(3) An application will not be considered officially filed with the board unless it is typewritten or printed in black ink, signed, notarized, accompanied by all documents required by the board, and the application fee.

(4) A candidate shall pass the examination within one (1) year of the approval date of the application.

(5) Examination requirements may be waived pursuant to section 324.1110, RSMo.

(6) Applicants seeking reciprocity shall meet the requirements of section (2) or (3) of this rule and provide proof of licensure in another state.

(7) The applicant shall be informed in writing of the decision regarding the application for licensure.

(8) The board may delegate the preliminary review of license applications to the executive director.


20 CSR 2234-2.030 Replacement of Renewal License—Private Investigator

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the procedures for replacing registration certificates.

(1) Licensees whose renewal license is lost, destroyed, or mutilated, or who require replacement as a result of an incorrect address or name change, or who require additional licenses for additional practice locations may obtain a duplicate license, without charge, upon receipt of a statement indicating the need for the duplicate.


20 CSR 2234-2.040 Licensure Renewal—Private Investigator

PURPOSE: This rule establishes licensure renewal requirements for private investigators.

(1) A license shall be renewed prior to the expiration of the license. Failure to receive a license renewal notice shall not relieve the licensee of the obligation to renew the license and pay the required fee prior to the expiration date of the license. Renewals shall be postmarked no later than the expiration date of the license to avoid the late penalty fee as defined in 20 CSR 2234-1.050.