

Notice

Please be aware of the new training requirements pursuant to Assembly Bill 229 (Chapter 697, Statutes of 2021) and the recent revisions to the Power to Arrest and Appropriate Use of Force and the Firearms Qualification training requirements:

Power to Arrest and Appropriate Use of Force training requirements:

The Power to Arrest and Appropriate Use of Force training course now consists of a total of eight (8) hours of training in the following two (2) subjects:

- A. Power to Arrest – 3 Hours
- B. Appropriate Use of Force – 5 Hours

The following topics must be held in-person:

- The use of objectively reasonable force;
- Use of force review and analysis;
- De-escalation and interpersonal communication; and
- Active shooter situations.

Please note that at least half of Power to Arrest and Appropriate use of Force training must be given in-person through traditional classroom instruction.

Elective Course

Weapons of Mass Destruction (4hrs) is now an elective.

Proprietary Security Officers

Proprietary Security Officers are now required to complete the full 8 hour Power to Arrest and Appropriate Use of Force training.

Firearms Qualification training requirements

Appropriate Use of Force course content has been added to the initial Course of Firearms Training as delineated in section 635 of Division 7 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. Additional topics include:

1. Legal standards for use of force
2. The use of objectively reasonable force
3. Duty to intercede
4. Supervisory responsibilities
5. Use of force review and analysis
6. De-escalation and interpersonal communication training, including tactical methods that use time, distance, cover, and concealment, to avoid escalating situations that lead to violence
7. Implicit and explicit bias and cultural competency as defined in Section 631

8. Skills, including de-escalation techniques, to effectively, safely, and respectfully interact with people with disabilities or behavioral health issues
9. Use of force scenario training, including simulations of low-frequency, high-risk situations and calls for service, shoot-or-don't-shoot situations, and real time force option decision making
10. Mental health and policing, including bias and stigma
11. Active shooter situations

Calibers

The Bureau will only approve the following firearm calibers:

- .357
- .38
- .45
- 9 mm
- 10 mm
- .40
- .380

Shooting Stances

Applicants/licensees shall use the following shooting stances: isosceles, weaver, modified weaver, and one-handed as defined in section 635(c).

Practice Rounds

For the initial range qualification, practice rounds may be fired if requested by the applicant or required at the discretion of the instructor. Practice rounds are no longer required for each caliber.

Course of Fire

Course of Fire schedule has been added for semi-automatic firearms:

Course of Fire (Semi-automatic)		
Stage 1	15 yards	5 rounds in 30 seconds
Stage 2	10 yards	20 rounds in 30 seconds (includes one reload)
Stage 3	7 yards	10 rounds in 20 seconds *5 rounds with dominant hand *5 rounds with non-dominant hand
Stage 4	5 yards	10 rounds in 30 seconds
Stage 5	3 yards	5 rounds in 8 seconds

Certificate of Proficiency

The Firearms Training Instructor certifying the applicant's completion of training shall issue the applicant a Certificate of Proficiency which shall include the following:

1. A statement that the applicant has completed the required hours of firearms training;

2. A statement that the Firearms Training Instructor has deemed the applicant proficient in the handling and use of a firearm; and
3. Certifies that the applicant is proficient in each specified caliber of firearm in which the applicant qualified with on the firearms range.

Firearm Requalification and Renewals

Corresponding changes were made to the renewal requirements outlined in section 633.

Alarm Company training requirements

For Alarm Company Operators the Power to Arrest and Appropriate Use of Force Course training requirement has been reduced to four hours of training covering the following two subjects:

- A. Power to Arrest – 2 Hours
- B. Appropriate Use of Force – 2 Hours*

Please note the Appropriate Use of Force training must be held in-person.

Elective Course:

Weapons of Mass Destruction (4 Hours) is now an elective course.

Implementation

BSIS will provide adequate time for licensees to become familiar with all revised training materials.

All available training materials can be found at <https://bsis.ca.gov/resources.shtml>.

[Click here](#) to view the adopted regulations.