

## Private Patrol Operator (PPO) vs. Proprietary Private Security Employer (PPSE) – Know the Difference

PPO	PSE
A company or individual that contracts with another business or person to provide armed or unarmed private security services (BPC 7582.1)	A business that employs <u>unarmed</u> security officers to provide private security services exclusively for that business (e.g., In-house security). PSEs are not allowed to contract the security services of their officers to any other business or person (BPC 7574.01)

## Security Guard (SG) vs. Proprietary Private Security Officer (PPSO) – Know the Difference

Security Guard	PPSO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May not contract out his/her services individually. Must be employed by a PPO or hold a PPO license (BPC 7582.3)</li> <li>May only wear a badge when he/she is wearing a distinctive uniform. When a distinctive uniform is worn, a patch must be on each shoulder of the uniform that reads “private security” and includes the name of the PPO employer (BPC 7582.3)</li> <li>While armed (firearm or baton), must wear a uniform with shoulder patch and badge (BPC 7582.27)</li> <li>While waiting to receive the license in the mail, may work with a hardcopy printout of the approved license from the BSIS website with valid photo identification (BPC 7583.12 &amp; 7583.17)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May not contract out his/her services individually. May only provide security services to his/her employer (BPC 7574.20)</li> <li>May not carry a firearm or a baton (BPC 7574.01 (f))</li> <li>Required to wear a uniform identifying him/her as security when interacting with the public (BPC 7574.01 (f))</li> <li>While waiting to receive the license in the mail, may work with a hardcopy printout of the approved license from the BSIS website with valid photo identification (BPC 7574.11(d))</li> </ul>

## Quick Reference – Unlicensed Activity Citation Authority

PPO (misdemeanor)	PPSO (infraction)
• BPC §7582.3(b) & §16240. Up to a \$5,000 fine and/or up to one year in jail	• BPC §7574.32(c). A minimum fine of \$250 and a maximum fine of \$1,000

## Notify the Bureau @ [BSIS.IncidentReports@dca.ca.gov](mailto:BSIS.IncidentReports@dca.ca.gov) when...

- A SG or PPSO is not carrying a registration card while on duty
- An armed SG is not carrying a registration card and firearm permit while on duty
- An armed SG is not wearing a uniform with a badge or patch while on duty
- A SG is carrying a firearm that is a caliber not listed on his/her firearm permit
- You encounter a violent incident or firearm discharge involving a SG or PPSO
- You encounter potential unlicensed activity

Questions? Call (916) 575-XXXX (staffed M-F, 8:00am – 5:00pm)