

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"> • May not contract out his/her services individually. Must be employed by a PPO or hold a PPO license (BPC 7582.3) • 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) • While armed (firearm or baton), must wear a uniform with shoulder patch and badge (BPC 7582.27) • 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 & 7583.17) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May not contract out his/her services individually. May only provide security services to his/her employer (BPC 7574.20) • May not carry a firearm or a baton (BPC 7574.01 (f)) • Required to wear a uniform identifying him/her as security when interacting with the public (BPC 7574.01 (f)) • 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))

Quick Reference – Unlicensed Activity Citation Authority

PPO (misdemeanor)	PPSO (infraction)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BPC §7582.3(b) & §16240. Up to a \$5,000 fine and/or up to one year in jail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BPC §7574.32(c). A minimum fine of \$250 and a maximum fine of \$1,000

Notify the Bureau @ 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)