

Private Investigator (Detective)

Private investigators conduct investigations involving, but not limited to, unsolved crimes; insurance; clandestine surveillance; missing persons; lost, concealed, or stolen property; or escaped felons or wanted persons subject to reward for capture. They collect information for a fee, hire, or reward, on the identity, conduct, movements, whereabouts, affiliations, transactions, reputation, or character of any person, or otherwise do investigative work for a private rather than a public interest.

Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 106-F

Administrative Rules: Chapter Saf-C 2200

Licensure Requirements

- Must be a resident of the United States
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Have no record of felony convictions of any type or conviction of a misdemeanor associated with theft, honesty, fraud, use or sale of controlled substances, misdemeanor crimes of violence that in the judgment of the Commissioner of Safety would cast doubt on the applicant's future good behavior, domestic violence, or abuse of any type, or an active domestic violence protective order in New Hampshire or any other jurisdiction in the United States, its possessions, or territories
- Except for employees, possess:
 1. A minimum of four years of experience as a full-time law enforcement officer with a federal, state, county, college or university, or municipal police department, director of security or senior officer of a company or corporation, or licensed security service, full-time adjuster, risk manager, or claims investigator for an insurance carrier or adjusting company; or
 2. An associate of science degree or bachelor of science degree in criminal justice or fire service from an accredited college or university, certification from the American Society for Industrial Security as a certified professional investigator, or certification from the National Association of Legal Investigators as a certified legal investigator and employment as a full-time investigator for a private investigative agency for at least two years; or
 3. A minimum of four years of employment as a full-time investigator for a licensed private investigator or private investigative agency; or
 4. A minimum of four years of experience as a full-time firefighter and certification by the International Association of Arson Investigators; or
 5. Certification by the American Society for Industrial Security in security operations, and two years of experience providing such services; or
 6. Certification by the American Society for Industrial Security in executive protection, and two years of experience providing such services

Regulatory Agency

Permits and Licensing Unit

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- File a surety bond for \$50,000
- Two sets of fingerprints required for armed private detective applicants
- Firearms qualification required for armed private investigators
- Provide documentation of qualifications
- Submit application in person

Examination

Not required

Continuing Education

Armed private detectives are required to meet minimum requirements in the use of firearms at least once per year including four hours of instruction in firearm techniques and safety

Reciprocity

Not permitted

Active Licenses

Self-employed: 114; Agency employees: 103

Related Training

Criminal Justice/ Police Science; Securities Services Administration/Management

Fees	
Private individual (biennial license)	\$150.00
Criminal background check	\$25.00
Agency employing more than one person (biennial license)	\$500.00
Agency employee license fee	\$5.00
Background investigation fee (in addition to above). . .	\$10.00
FBI fingerprint check (armed private detective applicants)	\$26.50

O*Net Codes	
33-9021.00	Private Detectives and Investigators

Additional Information Sources
Not provided