

Instructor Continuing Education Requirements

Instructors frequently ask, “What will the Department accept for continuing education?” or “Where can I find a class to take?” Often we hear from instructors, that they do not have time or resources to attend training. This article will offer some options and answers to these common concerns.

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 259-060-0025(2)(b)(D) states:

All applicants for renewal of instructor certification must submit a Form PS-8 (Private Security Instructor Continuing Education), including proof of at least eight hours of continuing education taken within the last certification period. Proof can be in the form of a grade or certificate, minutes, a roster, or receipt of course payment.

The Private Security/Investigator Policy Committee (PSIPI) adopted this rule several years ago, recognizing that it is critical for instructors to improve their knowledge and skill base. The PSIPI intentionally left the training requirement broad so that instructors could complete courses that individuals from various segments of the industry would find beneficial.

OAR 259-060-0135(4)(b)(B) states:

A minimum of eight hours of coursework relating to any of the specific subjects being taught or a minimum of eight hours of coursework relating to improving instructor skills. Coursework must be submitted on a form PS-8 (Private Security Instructor Continuing Education), including proof of at least eight hours of continuing education taken within the last certification period. Proof can be in the form of a grade or certificate, minutes, a roster, or receipt of course payment.

Below are some resources where you may find appropriate training:

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): <https://www.fema.gov/training>

FEMA Center for Domestic Preparedness: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/find-training>

National Highway Institute: https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/training/#info_com

Homeland Security: <https://www.dhs.gov/topics#>

Federal Emergency Management Agency: <https://training.fema.gov>

National Institute of Health: <https://irtsectraining.nih.gov/>

National Institute of Justice: <https://www.nij.gov/training/>

Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers: <https://www.fletc.gov/training>

There are also many inexpensive on-line courses offered by professional organizations.