

Frequently Asked Questions - New Training Requirements

What are the new training requirements?

The requirements have changed for the initial training for Guard Card applicants. Rather than receiving 8 hours of Powers to Arrest/Weapons of Mass Destruction prior to applying for the Guard Card, the applicant must now receive 8 hours of Powers to Arrest/Appropriate Use of Force training.

The new Powers to Arrest/Appropriate Use of Force manual is now available. Does that mean all Guard Card applicants should receive that training?

The manual is available and, as of Monday, January 8, the exam and the answer key are being rolled out. Guard card applicants should now receive Powers to Arrest/Appropriate Use of Force training prior to applying for a Guard Card.

How do I get the new Powers to Arrest/Appropriate Use of Force manual and how much does it cost?

The manual is available for free from the BSIS website. [Download new Powers to Arrest/Appropriate Use of Force manual](#)

Does this training have to be conducted in person?

Yes, 50% of the training must take place with a live instructor in the classroom. For information about which sections must be in person. You can [view this section of the California Code of Regulations on the Office of Administrative Law website](#).

Will CALSAGA be updating the database to allow members to create certificates for Powers to Arrest/Appropriate Use of Force training?

Yes, the [CAL SAGA Member Portal & Training Database](#) will be updated to allow for creation of a Powers to Arrest/Appropriate Use of Force certificates.

How do I use the CALSAGA Member Portal & Training Database to create certificates?

[View Instructions for the CALSAGA Member Portal & Training Database](#)

Should existing licensees receive new Powers to Arrest/Appropriate Use of Force training? Yes, CALSAGA recommends as a best business practice that existing licensees receive new Powers to Arrest/Appropriate Use of Force training. The training can count as the 8 hours of required continuing education for this year.

Who can teach new Powers to Arrest/Appropriate Use of Force training?

Training facilities with a Training Facility Baton license and/or Training Facility Firearm license can offer the new material. Additionally, a PPO can train its own employees on the new material.

What about the individual trainer? Is a special license required to teach the material?

The PPO can designate a licensee (Qualified Manager, Guard Card licensee, etc.) that the owner/management deems qualified to teach the material. Remember that it is the responsibility of the PPO to ensure that all of the material is covered adequately. During CALSAGA's Coffee Chat on January 3, 2024, Chief Jensen said that PPOs and training facilities will be held liable in cases of not providing adequate training.

Will CALSAGA offer resources to help trainers teach the material?

Yes, CALSAGA is working to develop a Train the Trainer program for the Powers to Arrest/Appropriate Use of Force training. Information will be available soon.

Will the BSIS provide refunds for baton permits purchased prior to January 1, 2024?

No

What are the changes for baton permit license holders?

[View the New Law Alert from the BSIS regarding Baton Permits](#)

Are there changes to firearms training?

Yes, including new revolver and semi-automatic courses of fire.

[View the new Firearms Training manual from the BSIS](#)