

661—121.4(80A) Licenses. Each person who engages in the operation of a bail enforcement, private investigation, or private security business in this state shall be licensed prior to such activity. Each business requires a separate license. For a license to be valid, the business shall have at least one current valid licensee who is a director, officer, partner or person who is involved in the business in Iowa.

121.4(1) Application for licenses—generally. Anyone who wishes to be considered for a bail enforcement, private investigative or private security license should contact the program services bureau as indicated in rule 661—121.1(80A) and request application information.

121.4(2) Jurisdiction. Any private investigative, private security, or bail enforcement business shall be licensed in Iowa if it is conducting business in Iowa. The department will consider the following factors when determining jurisdiction:

a. Whether the private investigative, private security, or bail enforcement business has an office or place of business in Iowa, is organized in Iowa, or conducts business in Iowa.

b. Whether services are provided to a client who resides in Iowa, is organized in Iowa, has an office or place of business in Iowa, provided that some of the services are conducted in Iowa.

c. Types of activities that are viewed as demonstrating jurisdiction in Iowa include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) A private investigation business conducts an investigation that occurs entirely or partially in Iowa.

(2) A private investigation business investigates a criminal, civil, or administrative case that originates or is filed in Iowa.

(3) A private security business conducts security at any location in Iowa.

(4) A bail enforcement business takes into custody, or attempts to take into custody, a defendant in an Iowa criminal case.

(5) A business provides bodyguard service to a person who resides in or regularly does business in Iowa.

(6) A business provides armored car service to a client who resides in or does business in Iowa, if part of the services are conducted in Iowa.

d. Types of activities that are not, by themselves, viewed as demonstrating jurisdiction in Iowa include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) A non-Iowa-based private investigation business works on a criminal, civil, or administrative case that originates and is filed in another state, but that contains some investigative elements in Iowa.

(2) A non-Iowa-based business provides bodyguard service to a client who does not reside in Iowa and only occasionally does business in Iowa.

(3) A bail enforcement business takes into custody, or attempts to take into custody, a defendant in a criminal case filed in another state.

e. The fact that a business uses the Internet to retrieve public record information from Iowa databases does not, absent other factors, establish jurisdiction in Iowa.

121.4(3) Forms. An applicant for a license or identification card shall execute forms provided by the department. These forms must be submitted to the commissioner and will not be processed unless complete. The forms used in the administration of this chapter are as follows:

a. Application for Bail Enforcement Agency License, Private Investigative Agency License and/or Private Security Agency License, Form #PD1.

b. Identification Card Application for: Private Investigator/Private Security Guard/Bail Enforcement Agent, Form #PD2.

c. Application for License Renewal, Form #PD3.

d. FBI Fingerprint Card, Form #FD-258.

e. Limited Liability Company, Form #PD5.

f. License Surety Bond, Form #PD6.

g. Corporate Information, Form #PD7.

h. Identification Card, Form #PD8.

121.4(4) Application requirements. An applicant for a license as a bail enforcement agency, private investigative agency or private security agency must submit the following to complete the application process:

a. A completed Application for Bail Enforcement Agency License, Private Investigative Agency License and/or Private Security Agency License (Form #PD1) for each individual.

With respect to an applicant who is a corporation, Form #PD1 must be completed by each officer or director who is actively involved in the licensed business in Iowa.

With respect to an applicant who is a partnership or association, Form #PD1 must be completed by each partner or association member.

b. Two completed Fingerprint Cards (Form #FD-258) and the associated processing fees for each individual identified in paragraph “a” of this subrule.

c. A completed surety bond form (Form #PD6) issued by a surety company authorized to do business in this state.

d. If the applicant is a corporation, a completed Corporate Information form (Form #PD7).

e. Two 1” × 1” color photographs of the head and shoulders of each individual identified in paragraph “a” of this subrule, taken not more than one year prior to application.

f. A fee of \$100 for each agency license requested, plus \$10 for each application form for an employee identification card (Form #PD2) requested pursuant to this subrule.

g. Proof of financial responsibility.

h. Pictures, photocopies or physical descriptions of all uniforms, hats, badges, and insignia to be used by the private security agency.

121.4(5) Abandonment of applications. If an applicant for an agency license fails to complete the application within six months after it has been filed, the application shall be deemed abandoned. Any application submitted subsequent to the abandonment of a former application shall be treated as a new application, and must be filed in accordance with subrule 121.4(4).

121.4(6) Proof of financial responsibility. Proof of financial responsibility shall be given by filing a certificate of insurance from a licensed insurance company demonstrating coverage for general liability, completed operations and personal injury. Personal injury insurance shall include coverage for the following groups of offenses:

a. False arrest, detention, or imprisonment, or malicious prosecution.

b. Libel, slander, defamation or violation of rights of privacy.

c. Wrongful entry or eviction or other invasion of rights of private occupancy.

The certificate shall provide that the insurance shall not be modified or canceled unless 30 days’ prior notice is given to the department. Licensees shall have no more than 30 days following any specified expiration dates to comply with insurance requirements. The license shall be automatically revoked if the licensee has not complied with the certificate of insurance requirement within the 30 days.

EXCEPTION: Current licensees who have provided proof of financial responsibility by filing an irrevocable letter of credit as of May 1, 2003, shall be allowed to continue using that means of providing proof of financial responsibility as long as their license remains continuously valid or until such proof is replaced by liability insurance. Licensees who provide proof of financial responsibility pursuant to this exception shall continue to meet the applicable requirements established in subrule 121.4(5) prior to May 1, 2003.

121.4(7) Mandatory examinee. Rescinded IAB 5/25/05, effective 5/1/05.

121.4(8) Application for examination. Rescinded IAB 5/25/05, effective 5/1/05.

121.4(9) Time and place of examination. Rescinded IAB 5/25/05, effective 5/1/05.

121.4(10) Reexaminations. Rescinded IAB 5/25/05, effective 5/1/05.