

The Florida Class D Licensing Roadmap

Course A, Course B, and licensing — mapped out, from Bluewater Security Academy

Florida's Class D unarmed security officer license requires 40 hours of state-mandated training, split into two courses under Chapter 493, Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code 5N-1. This roadmap breaks down what each course covers and what happens after you finish.

Course A — Legal & Safety Foundation (24 Hours)

- ☐ Chapter 493 F.S. regulatory requirements, legal issues and liability
- ☐ First aid and emergency procedures
- ☐ Ethics and professional conduct
- ☐ Patrol techniques and access control
- ☐ Report writing and interviewing
- ☐ Fire safety, crime prevention, and terrorism awareness
- ☐ Ends with a proctored exam — 75% minimum to pass

Course B — Advanced Operations (16 Hours)

- ☐ Communication and interpersonal skills
- ☐ Crowd management and traffic direction
- ☐ Courtroom procedures and public relations
- ☐ Special security problems and disability awareness
- ☐ Advanced terrorism response
- ☐ Ends with a proctored exam — 75% minimum to pass
- ☐ Completing both courses qualifies you for Form FDACS-16103, the Certificate of Security Officer Training

After Training — Filing Your License

- ☐ Apply through the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) — must be 18 or older
- ☐ A criminal background check is part of every application
- ☐ Class D licenses are valid for 2 years, with no continuing education required to renew
- ☐ Common mistake: waiting until your license lapses before starting renewal paperwork

Questions to Ask Before You Enroll

- ☐ Is the training provider a state-licensed Class D/DS school? (Bluewater Security Academy is Florida Class DS School #DS3600013)
- ☐ Does the program include both Course A and Course B, or just one?
- ☐ Is instruction live and instructor-led, or self-paced video?
- ☐ Does the program include a direct placement path, or just a certificate?

This roadmap reflects Florida Class D licensing requirements under Chapter 493, Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code 5N-1, as of publication. Requirements can change — confirm current details with FDACS or Bluewater Security Academy directly.

Ready to start? bluewatersecurityacademy.com or (252) 725-8356 — we'll get your 40 hours scheduled.