**Section 1240.300 Application for Examination and Licensure – Locksmith**

a) An individual seeking licensure by examination as a locksmith shall make application to the Division, on forms provided by the Division, at least 60 days prior to the examination. The application form shall include questions necessary for the Division to establish that the applicant meets the qualifications for licensure specified in Section 30-10 of the Act.

b) The passing score on the examination is 70 or above.

c) Upon notification of successful completion of the examination, the applicant may apply to the Division for licensure. The application shall include:

1) One of the following:

A) Copy of the verification of fingerprint processing from ISP or one of the ISP live scan vendors whose equipment has been certified by ISP or a fingerprint vendor agency licensed by the Division;

B) Out-of-state residents unable to utilize the ISP fingerprint process may submit to ISP one fingerprint card issued by ISP, accompanied by the fee specified by the vendor; or

C) In lieu of fingerprints, verification, on forms provided by the Division, of proof of retirement as a peace officer, as defined in Section 5-10 of the Act, within 12 months prior to application. The verification shall be signed by the applicant's employer;

2) Proof of at least $1,000,000 of general liability insurance held by the applicant as evidenced by a certificate of insurance from the insurer; and

3) The required fees specified in Section 1240.570.

d) A successful examination score shall be valid for 3 years. After 3 years the examination score will be void and an applicant will be required to file a new application, meeting the requirements at the time of the new application, and will be required to sit for and pass the examination.

e) In addition to any other requirements, an applicant for licensure shall meet the following:

1) Has not been convicted of any felony in any jurisdiction or at least 10 years have lapsed since the time of full discharge from a sentence imposed for a felony conviction;

2) Is of good moral character. Good moral character is a continuing requirement of licensure. Conviction of crimes other than felonies may be used in determining moral character, but shall not constitute an absolute bar to licensure, except when the applicant is a registered sex offender;

3) Has not been declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be incompetent by reason of mental or physical defect or disease, unless a court has subsequently declared the applicant to be competent;

4) Is not suffering from dependence on alcohol or from narcotic addiction or dependence;

5) Has not been dishonorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States;

6) Submits his or her fingerprints, in accordance with the provisions of the Act and this Part, including but not limited to the payment of any required fees;

7) Has not violated any provision of the Act or this Part.

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