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**Ministry of the Interior Decree on Training for Managers and Guards Employed
by Guarding Services Suppliers**
(780/2002; amendments up to 666/2003 included)

Section 1

Manager training

The manager training referred to in section 20(1) of the Private Security Services Act (282/2002) consists of a study module equivalent to three sections of the specialist vocational qualification for a security supervisor under the Act on Vocational Adult Education (631/1998). All trainees must take the introductory section on guarding services and the work of a guard and the section on security legislation, or sections corresponding to them in terms of content. Trainees shall also complete a third section, which they can choose freely from the other sections of the specialist vocational qualification for a security supervisor. (666/2003)

Section 2

Temporary guard training

- (1) The temporary guard training referred to in section 25(1) of the Private Security Services Act consists of the introduction to the work of a guard in the vocational guard's qualification under the Act on Vocational Adult Education, or a section corresponding to it in terms of content. Temporary guard training shall cover at least 40 classroom hours. Each classroom shall be at least 45 minutes long.
- (2) The provisions on the subjects, educational content and distribution of classroom hours within the training are laid down in the appendix to this Decree.

Section 3
Guard training

- (1) The guard training referred to in section 24(1)(2) of the Private Security Services Act consists of the introduction to the work of a guard and the basic course for guards in the vocational guard's qualification under the Act on Vocational Adult Education, or sections corresponding to them in terms of content. Guard training shall cover at least 100 classroom hours, of which temporary guard training accounts for 40 hours. Each classroom hour shall be at least 45 minutes long.
- (2) The provisions on the subjects, educational content and distribution of classroom hours within the training are laid down in the appendix to this Decree.
- (3) Only a trainee who has passed the test attached to temporary guard training may participate in guard training.

Section 4
Organising temporary guard and guard training

- (1) Temporary guard and guard training can be organised by those with whom the Qualification Committee in the Security Sector has made an agreement on the provision of competence-based qualifications relating to the completion of all modules of the vocational qualification for a guard or the basic qualification for a security supervisor, and by those who the Ministry of Education has granted authorisation to organise training leading to a basic qualification in the security sector. (666/2003)
- (2) The instruction provided in temporary guard and guard training shall be primarily in the form of lectures, but shall also include practical elements.

Section 5

The test attached to temporary guard and guard training

- (1) The test attached to temporary guard and guard training shall include both multiple choice questions and questions requiring reasoned answers. The pass mark will be 60 per cent of the maximum possible points.
- (2) The test referred to in subsection 1 above can be resat as a result of failure a maximum of three times without retaking the training referred to in section 2 or 3. The trainee can resit the test at the earliest on the third day after failure at the previous attempt.

Section 6

Rights and duties of persons participating in temporary guard and guard training

- (1) Trainees shall participate regularly in training in accordance with the curriculum for temporary guards or guards. If a trainee is significantly absent from class or in some other manner significantly fails to participate in training, he or she shall be judged to have discontinued training.
- (2) Only trainees who have participated in the appropriate training can sit the test referred to in section 5 above.

Section 7

Certificates

The training provider shall without delay give trainees who successfully complete training a certificate for use in applying for approval as a manager, guard or temporary guard with a guarding services supplier.

Section 8

Entry into force

- (1) This Decree enters into force on 1 October 2002.
- (2) Measures necessary for the implementation of this Decree may be undertaken before the Decree's entry into force.