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The Court Security Officers (Designation) Regulations 2005

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>9th March 2005</i>
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<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>1st April 2005</i>

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 51 of the Courts Act 2003^(a), makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Court Security Officers (Designation) Regulations 2005 and shall come into force on 1st April 2005.

Training requirements for court security officers

2.—(1) Before a person may be designated as a court security officer, he must provide the Lord Chancellor with documentary evidence that he has completed one or more training courses which include instruction in the following –

- (a) the duties and powers of a court security officer;
- (b) risk assessment;
- (c) safe working practices;
- (d) managing stress when dealing with threatening situations;
- (e) techniques for restraining a person and removing them from a building.

(2) Where the Lord Chancellor has designated a person as a court security officer, he may subsequently require that person to undergo –

- (a) further training in any of the matters mentioned in paragraph (1);
- (b) training in any other matter which the Lord Chancellor determines,

and the Lord Chancellor may make different determinations in respect of different officers, courts, court buildings and areas.

(a) 2003 c.39.

Proof of identity and other requirements

3. Before a person may be designated as a court security officer, the Lord Chancellor must take the following steps:

- (a) obtain proof of the person's identity;
- (b) obtain a declaration from that person as to whether he has any unspent criminal offences within the meaning of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974(a); and
- (c) make a criminal records check.

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor

Christopher Leslie
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Constitutional Affairs

9th March 2005

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Part 4 (sections 51-57) of the Courts Act 2003 (c.39) makes provision about court security officers. These Regulations prescribe (a) training which must be completed by court security officers and (b) conditions that must be satisfied before a person may be designated as one.

Regulation 2 sets out the content of the required training. Regulations 3 sets out requirements about proof of identity, criminal record declarations and criminal record checks.

(a) 1974 c. 53; there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

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