Study Materials for Private Detective and Security Guard Exam

Most of the examination are referenced to the following books, laws or other materials. You should study carefully and systematically the references suggested below.

Starting with the April 2006 administration, the Private Detective and Security Guard examinations will be based on the following reference material:

Used for Private Detective Exam Only:

The Process of Investigation, 2nd Edition
Charles A. Sennewald and John T. Tsukayama
Butterworth-Heinemann, 2001

Security Investigations, A Professional’s Guide
Larry G. Nicholson, PhD
Butterworth-Heinemann, 2000

Used for Security Guard Exam Only:

Introduction to Security, 7th Edition
Robert J. Fischer and Gion Green
Butterworth-Heinemann, 2004

(The books above can be ordered online via the publisher at: www.elsevier.com or through Amazon)

In addition to the books referenced above. Both the Private Detective and Security Guard exam will need to review the statues AND rules listed below:

Hawaii Revised Statues, Chapter 703
Hawaii Revised Statues, Chapter 396 (OSHA)

(These statues cited above can be found at: http://capitol.hawaii.gov.hrscurrent. Please utilize the chapter number to perform the search)

Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 463
Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 16, Chapter 97
Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 436B

(The statues and rules cited above can be accessed via the Board’s website at: http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/private/statute_rules/)

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding obtaining reference material, please contact the Examination Branch by calling (808) 586-2711, faxing (808) 586-2874, or emailing at pvlexam@dcca.hawaii.gov.