



## Policy on Qualifications Obtained For PSA Licences

The Board of the PSA approves the minimum qualifications for individuals applying for a PSA licence. The Board of the PSA has decided that those who are applying for a licence **for the first time** must submit their application within a set timeframe following successful completion of their PSA approved training.

From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018, Training Providers providing courses for licensing must be approved by the PSA. The PSA will not accept training qualifications from unapproved training providers, applicants who include training certificates from unapproved training providers will not have their applications accepted. A list of approved Training Providers is available on the PSA website.

Security training is designed to take account of current and best practice within the security industry. Those who have attended the training modules and who are not engaged in security activities will lose the knowledge and skill acquired during their training. The policy of the PSA in respect of training qualifications submitted by first time applicants in support of their application for a PSA licence is:

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015, first time applicants will have 36 months in which to submit their application following successful completion of approved training. Training that has been undertaken outside the 36 month period will not be accepted for licensing purposes. Applications for a licence must be accompanied by a candidates QQI certificate. However, for a 6 month period after training, a Temporary Results Form (TRF) from your training provider will be acceptable.

Existing licence holders and those whose licence expired, prior to renewal will not be affected.