

## Two New PSA Standards

Two new PSA standards are about to come in to operation. The first is a revised version of **PSA 31**, the standard used by new contractors entering the Door Supervisor, Event Security or Security Guard (Static) sectors. The revised standard will take effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. One of the major changes under the revised standard is that compliance to the standard will be audited by the PSA Inspectorate. Certification Bodies will no longer play a role in the auditing of PSA 31.

The second standard is **PSA 74** "PSA Licensing Requirements for Security Service Providers" which from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 will replace SR 40 as the management standard for the Electronic Security sectors, Access Control, CCTV and Intruder Alarm.

Contractors who already hold certification to SR40 will continue to retain that certification until their next scheduled audit. At that stage they will be required to be compliant with PSA 74. You can find a copy of PSA 74 on our website, [psa.gov.ie](http://psa.gov.ie).

The PSA will be in attendance at the Security Twenty 19 Expo in the Red Cow Hotel on the 5<sup>th</sup> September if you wish to learn more about PSA 74 and other planned changes for the electronic security sector.

## Language Assessment

Candidates undertaking training for PSA licensing purposes and whose first language is not English or Irish must now undergo a language assessment before they undertake the training course. This is one of the steps we have taken to raise standards in the security industry and protect the public.

It is important that security staff have the language skills necessary for the job and that they are able to alert the emergency services, public and colleagues of an incident, give and take directions, be clearly understood and understand what is communicated to them.

PSA approved training providers have been advised on how the language assessment requirement is to be met. If you are an employer and you are recruiting staff with the intention of sending them on a training course you should ensure that the prospective staff member is proficient in the use of English or Irish.

## Security TWENTY 19

The PSA will be present at the Security Twenty 19 Expo in the Red Cow Hotel on the 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Our Chief Executive, Paul Scallan, will be speaking at the event. His talk focus on the changes to licensing standards and training in the electronic security sectors .

You can pre-register for the Expo [here](#)

**Only PSA approved training providers can provide training for PSA licensing purposes. Details of our approved training providers are available on our website**

[Training Providers Details](#)

## Closing Date for Public Consultation on Standard for Powered Gates approaching

The closing date for the public consultation on the new standard for powered gates “PSA Licensing Requirements for Electronic Security – Powered Gates Contractors in the Private Security Industry” is the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

The standard outlines the requirements that would apply to those installing and maintaining powered gates. The document is in response to the PSA’s concerns for the safety and wellbeing of the public and consumers. The PSA is considering establishing a new licensed sector specifically for those operating in the powered gates area.

The consultation offers industry stakeholders, interested parties and others an opportunity to comment on the requirements to apply to providers of **Electronic Security – Powered Gates** for PSA licensing. For further information please visit our website at [www.psa.gov.ie](http://www.psa.gov.ie)

## Market Research on Licensing

A survey of licensed contractors being undertaken on our behalf by Amárach Research has commenced. The results of the survey will allow the PSA to develop the right policies to make regulation more receptive to the security industry’s needs.

A report on the findings will be available on our website.

## Feedback

We welcome your feedback on our ezine and its contents. We also welcome any suggestions for future issues. You can contact us at [info@psa.gov.ie](mailto:info@psa.gov.ie).

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### **Renewal Dates**

The next dates for renewal of individual licences are

**29<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

If you have a licence that expires on these dates, you should renew your licence online in advance of the expiry date once you have received your pin and password.

**All renewals must be made online at**

<https://renewals.psa.gov.ie>

To continue working in the licensed sector **you must renew your licence before it expires.**