

Welcome to the March 2013 edition of PSA Watch, the ezine of the Private Security Authority. In this issue we look at proposals for the licensing CCTV and Intruder Alarm Monitoring Centres as well as the introduction of licensing for CIT employees. We also point out useful information for Security Equipment Installers available on our website. We hope you find something of interest within.

## PSA Recruits External Inspectors

The Private Security Authority is committed to ongoing and continual monitoring of licensed contractors and individuals and in taking action against those operating without and in contravention of their licence. To supplement its current enforcement resources, the PSA advertised in the national press for *Expressions of Interest for External Inspectors with the PSA*. The Authority received a large number of applications from a wide cross section of highly qualified, experienced candidates throughout the country. The External Inspector panel will supplement the Authority's current inspectorate compliment enabling the PSA to avail of locally based regional inspectors. The additional inspectorate resources will undertake multiple and targeted inspections leading to increased compliance within the industry. It is expected that the panel of External Inspectors will be operational shortly.

## PSA Proposals For CCTV and Intruder Alarm Monitoring Centres

The PSA has issued an information document on the future licensing requirements for CCTV Monitoring Centres and Intruder Alarm Monitoring Centres. The document entitled "*Requirements For The Licensing Of Centres Monitoring CCTV and Intruder Alarm Systems*" provides information for those involved in the provision of monitoring services as well as other interested parties.

The current standard prescribed by the PSA for Intruder Alarm Monitoring Centres, IS 228, will be withdrawn by the National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) and replaced by the European Standard EN 50518. The PSA document which incorporates EN 50518 will be the standard for both Intruder Alarm and CCTV Monitoring Centres.

The document is available on our website, [www.psa.gov.ie](http://www.psa.gov.ie) and feedback which should be entitled "Monitoring Centres" can be sent by email to: [public\\_consultation@psa.gov.ie](mailto:public_consultation@psa.gov.ie).

The closing date for receipt of comments is Friday, the 15th March 2013.

## Licensing Of Private Investigators

The PSA is due to start work on the licensing of Private Investigators. While no time frame for the licensing of the sector has been decided, the PSA will begin assessing the licensing requirements during 2013. If you are involved in the Private Investigator sector and wish to be kept informed of developments you can do so by [emailing us](#).

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## Letters Issued for Employment Purposes

The PSA practice of allowing individuals to work without a license where:

- the individual has lodged a completed application with the appropriate fee, and
- the individual has declared that he/she has no criminal convictions, and
- the individual will work for a licensed contractor or an employer known to the PSA or provide a letter from an employer confirming that there is an offer of employment for the applicant,

**will, with effect from 1st March 2013, discontinue in relation to those individuals who are seeking to obtain work with an employer not subject to PSA licensing.**

These individuals will, from the 1st March 2013, be required to hold a PSA license before commencing employment. For prospective employers affected by this decision a full list of individual license holders is available on our website, [www.psa.gov.ie](http://www.psa.gov.ie), under [License Holders Register](#).

The PSA is introducing this change following an analysis of those cases where applicants stated they had no convictions but vetting results subsequently showed that there were convictions recorded against them. The PSA analysis found that most of these applications came from employers outside of the scope of PSA licensing. Contractors licensed by the PSA are required to conduct extensive pre-employment screening of individuals. There is no PSA prescribed or compulsory requirement for pre-employment screening by contractors who are not subject to PSA licensing.

The PSA will keep the new arrangement under review to see how it impacts on employers. Employers will be notified where an applicant, who hold an employment letter, has their application for a licence refused.

## Information Notes For Installers

Our website contains two information notes which Installers of Security Equipment may find useful. The first is on data protection and CCTV systems and installers may find it useful to pass to their customers when installing or maintaining a CCTV system.

The second note advises customers of the requirements to use a PSA licensed contractor when installing or maintaining Access Control, CCTV or Intruder Alarm systems. Installers may wish to give this note to potential customers when seeking work.

Both notes are available on our website or through the links in the margin across.

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## Licensing for certain categories of Cash-in-Transit employees

Licensing for certain categories of Cash-in-Transit employees will become compulsory from 1st May 2013. This will mean that all affected employees will be required to hold a PSA license to carry out certain licensable activities from that date. Only employees of licensable Cash-in-Transit contractors will be licensed and licensing will neither be available nor granted to any other individual

## Contractor Update

The attached table shows the number of contractors by the sectors they are licensed to operate in at the end of December 2012.

Sectors	Number of Contractors
Access Control/CCTV/Intruder Alarm	339
Security Guard (Static)	139
Intruder Alarm	129
Door Supervisor/Security Guard (Static)	50
Security Guard (Monitoring)	15
Security Guard (Monitoring)/Access Control/CCTV/Intruder Alarm	7
Cash-In-Transit	8
Door Supervisor	8
Security Guard (Static)/Access Control/CCTV/Intruder Alarm	6
Door Supervisor/Security Guard (Static)/ Access Control/CCTV/ Intruder Alarm	5
Security Guard (Static)/Security Guard (Monitoring)	4
Security Guard (Static)/Security Guard (Monitoring)/ Access Control /CCTV/Intruder Alarm	4
CCTV/Intruder Alarm	4
Access Control	1
Access Control/CCTV	1
Door Supervisor/Intruder Alarm	1
Door Supervisor/Security Guard (Static)/ Access Control/CCTV	1
Security Guard (Monitoring)/Intruder Alarm	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>723</b>

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