

Welcome to the November edition of PSAWatch, the ezine of the Private Security Authority. In this issue we provide details of the public consultation on event security, an update on the licensing of CCTV monitoring and announce plans for the introduction of a new standard to replace IS 999.

Radio Campaign

A radio campaign advising people on the requirement to use a PSA licensed contractor when installing or maintaining an intruder alarm is being aired during the week commencing the 18th November. The ad campaign is running on national and local radio stations and coincides with the first investigations being undertaken by our new external inspectors. Our inspectors will be targeting clients of unlicensed contractors in the Access Control, CCTV and Intruder Alarm sectors.

Public Consultation On A Standard For Event Security

The PSA is seeking the views of the security industry, sporting bodies, event organisers and general public on a standard which should apply to security contractors providing services in the event security sector.

A public consultation document which sets out what the requirements for contractors might be has been published and is available on our website, www.psa.gov.ie. The consultation is part of the development process for the licensing of event security contractors with licensing expected to commence in 2014. It is expected that work on the licensing of individuals in this sector will commence in the second half of 2014.

The standards will apply to events held for entertainment, social performance, sporting or other purposes at indoor and outdoor locations.

Closing date for receipt of submissions is Friday, the 6th of December 2013.

Licensing Of Locksmiths And Suppliers And Installers of Safes

A working group consisting of industry stakeholders tasked with developing the requirements for the licensing of Locksmiths and Suppliers and Installers of Safes held its first meeting in October. The group is currently working on a draft standard which will go to public consultation in early 2014. No timeframe for the licensing of these sectors has been set as yet and a decision on same will not be taken until the public consultation process has been completed.

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New Standard To Replace IS 999 On The Way

The new standard to replace IS 999 which has been in development for over 2 years will be published on the 9th December 2013. The standard will come into effect from the 1st May 2014 and all certification audits taking place from the 1st May will be against the new standard. IS 999 will cease to be the standard for licensing.

The new standard which is entitled “*PSA Licensing Requirements – Door Supervision and Security Guarding: 2013*” is structured largely along the lines of the IS 999 standard. However as IS 999 was developed prior to the introduction of licensing it has been necessary to update large areas of the standard to take account of PSA requirements and our experiences over the past 7 years. New elements including a template for risk assessments has been included.

The standard comprises of 3 Parts:

- Part 1 – Provisions common to both Door Supervision and Security Guarding,
- Part 2 – Provisions relating to Security Guarding only,
- Part 3 – Provisions relating to Door Supervision only.

Further details will be provided in early December.

Update On The Licensing Of CCTV Monitoring

The timeframe for the licensing of CCTV Monitoring Centres will be announced early in 2014. In advance of this announcement the PSA will be setting out the requirements for the licensing of CCTV Monitoring Centres and Intruder Alarm Monitoring Centres.

When the new requirement take effect, existing licence holders may continue to be licensed under the IS 228 standard for an initial period of 3 years or they may opt to be licensed under the new EN 50518 standard. All new applicants will require EN 50518. The PSA will be writing to all licensed contractors and other interested parties over the coming weeks providing full details of the new licensing requirements.

Feedback

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