

Welcome to the March 2014 edition of PSAWatch, the ezine of the Private Security Authority. In this issue we announce the critical date for CCTV Monitoring and details of the public consultation on standard for Locksmiths and Suppliers and Installers of Safes.

1st November 2014 Commencement Date For CCTV Monitoring

The 1st November 2014 has been set as the critical date for the licensing of CCTV Monitoring Centres. This is the date from which all CCTV Monitoring Centres will require a licence.

The PSA has developed a requirements document for CCTV Monitoring Centres entitled “PSA Licensing Requirements – CCTV Monitoring and Intruder Alarm Monitoring Centres (PSA 33:2014) which will be published on our website on the 31st March 2014. This document also sets out the future requirements for Intruder Alarm Monitoring Centres which are currently licensed by the Authority as Security Guard (Monitoring Centre).

From the 1st November 2014, the Security Guard (Monitoring Centre) sector will be replaced by Security Guard (Alarm Monitoring) and a new sector, Security Guard (CCTV Monitoring).

Contractors who currently hold a Security Guard (Monitoring Centre) licence will be able to synchronise their certification audit for the new sector with their existing Monitoring Sector audit. Where their next compliance audit is not scheduled until after the 1st November 2014, the Authority will issue a licence on foot of a letter from their Certification Body confirming that the contractor has registered for Security Guard (CCTV Monitoring). The scheduled audit can then encompass a compliance audit in respect of both Security Guard (Alarm Monitoring) and Security Guard (CCTV Monitoring). This arrangement will help to minimise compliance costs for licence holders. Contractors availing of this arrangement must obtain certification before the 31st October 2015.

Speaking on the extension of licensing to CCTV Monitoring Centres, the PSA’s CEO, Ms. Geraldine Larkin said, “*The extension of licensing to CCTV Monitoring Centres follows on from the licensing of CCTV Installers in 2012 and signals a major achievement in the licensing of this highly technical area. The new requirements document is also a significant development with increased standards required from those operating monitoring centres in both the alarm and CCTV sectors.*”

Remember to visit our website on the 31st March 2014 for the Monitoring Centres standard “PSA Licensing Requirements – CCTV Monitoring and Intruder Alarm Monitoring Centres (PSA 33:2014).

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Public Consultation On Locksmiths And Safes

The PSA is seeking the views of locksmiths, suppliers and installers of safes, wider security industry and general public on a standard which should apply to security contractors providing services in the Locksmith and Supplier and Installer of Safes sectors.

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 Locksmith and Supplier and Installer of Safes contractors with licensing expected to commence later in 2014.

Closing date for receipt of submissions is Friday, the 2nd May 2014.

Contractors Licensed At The End Of Year 2006-2013

The table below provides a comparison of the number of licences issued in each sector at the end of each year since licensing commenced in 2006. The number of contractors licensed by the PSA will be less as contractors may operate across a number of sectors.

Comparison of Number of Licences Issued for each sector at year end 2006-2013

	Door Supervisor	Security Guard (Monitoring)	Security Guard (Static)	Installer (Electronic Security)*	Cash In Transit	All Sectors
Dec 2006	45	15	251	282	0	593
Dec 2007	53	19	278	490	0	840
Dec 2008	56	22	254	501	0	833
Dec 2009	71	26	263	491	0	851
Dec 2010	71	29	239	494	8	841
Dec 2011	65	30	233	490	8	826
Dec 2012	65	31	208	497	7	808
Dec 2013	61	30	204	600*	7	902*

* Installer (Electronic Security) contains the Access Control, CCTV and Intruder Alarm sectors. Prior to 2013 this included the Intruder Alarm sector only.

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