

Welcome to the third edition of PSA Watch in 2016, the ezine of the Private Security Authority.

Licensing of Locksmiths Announced

Following the signing of Regulations by the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality, Frances Fitzgerald, TD, the PSA announced that the critical date for the licensing of contractors in the locksmith sector would be the 1st February 2017. Announcing the introduction of licensing the PSA's Chief Executive, Paul Scallan said *"The extension of licensing to locksmiths is another major milestone in the regulation of the private security industry. I would like to thank all those involved in the process over the past 2 years and in particular the members of the working group who developed the standard for licensing, PSA 55:2016."*

The working group has developed the standard entitled *"PSA Licensing Requirements – Locksmith (PSA 55:2016)"* which sets out requirements in the areas of operations, staffing, training and organisation structure.

The PSA will start accepting applications from contractors for this new sector from 1st November 2016. In order to obtain a licence, contractors will require a certificate from a PSA approved certification body certifying compliance to PSA 55:2016.

Contractors who currently hold a PSA licence in the Access Control sector and wish to add the Locksmith sector to their licence will be able to synchronise their certification audit for the new sector with their existing standards audit. Where their next compliance audit is not scheduled until after 1st November 2016, the Authority will issue a licence on foot of a letter from the Certification Body confirming that the contractor has registered for the Locksmith sector. This arrangement will help to minimise compliance costs for licence holders. Contractors who avail of this arrangement must obtain certification before 31st January 2018.

Licensed contractors not in the Access Control sector and contractors who submit an application after the 1st February 2017 must have certification to PSA 55:2016.

The PSA will contact existing Access Control licence holders in the coming weeks with further information. Updates will also be available at www.psa.gov.ie.

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Memorandum of Understanding signed with the Workplace Relations Commission

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the PSA and the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) has come into operation following the signing of the memorandum at the WRC's offices in Carlow.

At the signing ceremony Mr Scallan said *“This MOU provides a platform for closer co-operation between our organisations including the exchange of information and the undertaking of joint operations where they are considered of mutual benefit. The signing of the MOU gives a clear signal that those who seek to evade their legal obligations to their employees will receive the full attention of both our organisations.”*

While the operation of the MOU is expected to be largely in the area of pay there will also be a focus on the areas of work permits and other employment rights.



**CEO of the PSA Paul Scallan (left) and Padraig Dooley,
Director & Chief Labour Inspector of the WRC**

One of the aims of the WRC is to ensure that both employers and employees are aware of the meaning and application of employment law and, when necessary, ensure that it is enforced. A key role is one of carrying out inspections of employer records with a view to determining compliance with employment rights legislations. This also encompasses an information function.

The aim is to achieve voluntary compliance. Employers are given every reasonable opportunity to become compliant, rectify breaches detected, and pay money that may be due to employees. However, where employers fail to comply with their obligations the necessary sanctions will be invoked.

[Visit the Workplace Relations Commission Website](#)

[Report an Unlicensed Service or Other Matter to the PSA](#)

Training Providers Forum

The PSA has established a Training Providers Forum for PSA approved training providers. The aim of the Forum is to provide a communications channel on regulatory matters. The inaugural meeting was held on the 14th of September in Portlaoise and was attended by 13 providers. The meeting was opened by the PSA's Chief Executive, Paul Scallan and there was a discussion on PSA requirements for training providers and the development of new training courses for the Door Supervisor, Event and Security Guarding sectors. The next meeting of the Forum is scheduled for November and thereafter every quarter.

Compliance News

The following are details of contractor licences revoked since January 2016.

Contractor	Region	Sector
Andrew King T/A KS Consultancy Services	Dublin	Electronic Security Installer
Barry Glover T/A Glover Electrical	Dublin	Electronic Security Installer
Beacon Point Security Services Limited	Wicklow	Security Guard (Static)
Dave Mulvey T/A MDM Security Solutions	Cork	Security Guard (Static)
Denis Henry T/A AF Security	Kerry	Electronic Security Installer
Kevin Fitzpatrick Fencing Limited T/A Faclon Security Consultants	Westmeath	Electronic Security Installer
Masterclass Security Limited	Cork	Electronic Security Installer
Michael Mc Donald & Tony Mc Donald T/A Switchbros	Dublin	Electronic Security Installer
Michael O'Rourke T/A O'Rourke Security	Kerry	Electronic Security Installer
NA Woods Property Services Limited T/A Woods Property Services	Limerick	Electronic Security Installer
Renaissance Security Services Limited	Dublin	Door Supervisor (Event) and Security Guard (Event)
Steel Security Management Limited T/A Steel Security Management	Meath	Door Supervisor (Event), Door Supervisor (Licensed Premises), Security Guard (Event), Security Guard (Static)
Stuart Event Security Limited	England	Door Supervisor (Event) and Security Guard (Event)

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