

Welcome to the latest edition of PSAWatch, the ezine of the Private Security Authority.

E.R.O.

The Employment Regulation Order for the private security industry has been in force since 1st June 2017. It was introduced by Statutory Instrument (SI 231 of 2017) and governs the pay and certain conditions for operatives in the security industry. The Statutory Instrument can be viewed [here](#).

The PSA licensing standard PSA28:2013, requires contractors to comply with legally enforceable legislation in relation to pay rates and conditions, among other relevant legislation. The PSA has commenced inspections to ensure that all licensed contractors are complying with the ERO requirements and will take action against those found to be non-compliant.

Further Information on the ERO and its application can be obtained from the Workplace Relations Commission by phone on 1890 80 80 90 or their website at www.workplacerelations.ie.

Online Contractor Renewal System

We have recently launched our contractor renewal systems which allows contractors to renew their licence online. This should reduce the administrative burden associated with the renewal process. Feedback from those who have already used the system has been positive.

In advance of your licence expiry date you should receive an email from us providing you with details of the renewal process and your password to access the system. If you have any difficulty with the new process please contact our Contractor Licensing Unit at contractors@psa.gov.ie.

PSA Radio Campaigns

Our latest radio campaign highlighted the importance of using licensed private security personnel and ran the last week in September on national radio.

Our next radio campaign was commissioned to stress the importance of using licensed contractors to install intruder alarms and is scheduled to be run the end of October on national and local radio stations.

Limited Phone Service

Because of the volume of applications currently being processed we are only able to provide a limited phone service at present. You can phone us between 9.30am and 12 noon. Outside these times you can leave a message and we will respond within 24 hours or you can contact us by email at info@psa.gov.ie.

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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.

If you wish to unsubscribe or a colleague wishes to have their name added to our distribution list please let us know at info@psa.gov.ie

Thank You



ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS FOR QUARTER 3, 2017

In the months July, August and September of 2017, the PSA commenced 233 enforcement cases. 145 of these remained active at the end of the quarter. Cases older than 90 days are kept under constant review. Because of the complexity of some investigations, cases can remain open for considerable periods of time. In addition, 318 security employees were interviewed, of which, 98% were licensed.

The following table shows the compliance action taken against licensees July to September 2017.

Compliance Actions Issued – Q3 2017	Contractor Licences	Individual Licences	Total for Q3 2017
Revocations	5	1	6
Suspensions	0	1	1
Reprimands	0	1	1
Warnings	0	8	8
Cautions	0	0	0
Advices	0	0	0

Next Renewal Dates:

The next dates for renewal of individual licences are –

October 14 and November 26 - 2017

If you have a licence that expires on the above date you should renew your licence online in advance of the expiry date. **All renewals must be made online at <https://renewals.psa.gov.ie>**

Employers please note that you are responsible for ensuring that your employees hold current licences for the sectors you operate in. If you are found to have unlicensed employees, including employees whose licences have expired, you may face prosecution and/or suspension of your licence.

Cheque Payment No Longer Accepted:

Since October 1st, the PSA no longer accepts payment for individual licences by cheque. All payments must now be made through our online application systems. The number of cheques being received by the PSA has reduced considerably in recent years as our online services have been expanded. As licensing volumes increase we can no longer provide the resources to support a cheque payment service.

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