

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

## **Conviction of individual for using a forged PSA ID badge**

Mr Martin Quigley from Donegal was found guilty of illegally providing a licensable security service and using a forged ID badge at Donegal District Court on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

A PSA Inspector found Mr Quigley working as a door supervisor in the Abbey Hotel in Donegal Town on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017. When asked by the PSA inspector to produce his PSA licence, he produced a licence ID card which had been forged. Among the items illegally altered was the date of expiration. After a check by the PSA inspector it was discovered that Mr Quigley did not hold and had never held a Door Supervisor licence from the PSA. Judge Kevin Kilrane fined him €100 and awarded costs against him of €500.

## **GDPR and the PSA, are you ready?**

Over 200 licence holders attended a PSA information seminar on the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), on the 12<sup>th</sup> March. It included a talk from Assistant Commissioner Mr. John Keyes from the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner. The seminar slides are available [GDPR Presentation](#)

The GDPR will come into effect on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 and further information is available on the Data Protection Commissioner's website, [GDPR](#).

## **National Workplace Wellbeing Day**

The fourth annual [National Workplace Wellbeing Day](#) takes place this Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018. The aim of the event is to raise awareness of the importance and benefits of healthier lifestyles, and to improve employee wellbeing by promoting better exercise and nutrition in the workplace.



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**Thank You**

## E-Vetting

All applicants for a PSA licence are vetted by the National Vetting Bureau. Once your application has been validated by the PSA, applicants will receive an e-mail invitation to complete a vetting application with the National Vetting Bureau. Applicants should complete this application within 7 days. **Failure to complete an e-vetting application will result in an application being rejected.**

### The following guidelines relate to the e-Vetting process:

- Applicants will receive an e-vetting invitation from the National Vetting Bureau. The invitation will include details of how to log in to the National Vetting Bureau website.
- Applicants are required to provide all addresses from when they were born (Year of Birth) to their present address. The **year from** and **year to** must be completed for each address. All addresses must be completed in full including eircodes / postcodes. No abbreviations are accepted.
- When correctly completed the e-vetting application should not contain any gaps in the address history from the date of birth to the present day.

### Self-Declare Criminal Record

- The question “Have you a criminal record in Ireland or elsewhere” **must** be answered. **All convictions**, no matter when or what they relate to **must** be declared in the e-vetting application.
- Spent convictions legislation does not apply to PSA licensing. The failure to disclose a conviction on the ground that it was a spent conviction will not be accepted by the PSA.
- **Failure to disclose an offence may result in your Private Security Authority licence application being refused.**

The National Vetting Bureau will advise you when the vetting process is complete. The PSA will then consider the vetting results and decide if a licence should be granted. You should wait at least 7 days before contacting the PSA about your application. Contacting the PSA during this period will disrupt the processing of your application and delay the final decision on your application.

For details on the potential impact criminal convictions or other issues may have on your eligibility for a Private Security Authority licence please consult the Authority’s [Granting a Licence - Suitability Criteria Guidelines](#)

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