

Welcome to the October edition of PSA Watch, the ezine of the Private Security Authority.

Employee Renewals

We are heading towards the busiest period of the employee renewal cycle with over 7,000 licences falling for renewal in the coming months. All licences must be renewed online. In the coming days and weeks licence holders will receive an email with a password in advance of the expiry of their licence. They will need this password and their email address to log onto the renewal system.

How to renew your licence online

When you receive your email, do not contact the PSA, click on the link in your email to <https://renewals.psa.gov.ie>. Before you start have the following items ready:

- Credit/debit card ready.
- Your eircode
- Foreign Criminal Record Certificate if you have spent 6 months or more in an other jurisdiction since your previous application.
- If you want to add a new sector to your current licence, you must upload evidence of your training.
- If you wish to apply for a new sector but not renew your current licence you must apply as a first time applicant - [First Time Applications](#)

When you are ready to renew go to <https://renewals.psa.gov.ie>

- Enter your email address and the password you received
- This will bring you to the first renewal screen, follow the instructions on the screens and enter your details.
- When you have completed the application you will be brought to a payment screen where you can enter your payment details.
- Your licence will issue within 10 working days.

If you do not receive an email with your password within 21 days of your expiry date you should contact the PSA at licensing@psa.gov.ie and we will arrange for an email with your renewal details to be sent out to you.

You must renew your licence before the expiry date. If you do not renew your licence you may not provide a security service.

Garda Vetting

You may have recently received a Garda Vetting Invitation . The Vetting Invitation must be completed before you apply for your licence. Failure to do so could result in your renewal application being rejected or your licence being suspended.

You must disclose all convictions as part of the vetting process. Please note that the Spent Convictions Act does not apply to PSA licensing. You must disclose **all** convictions.

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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.

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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

Changes to PSA Training

The PSA, as part of its continuing drive to improve standards in the security industry, has introduced changes to the provision of training for licensing purposes. Since the 1st September, Training Providers who wish to provide courses for licensing must be approved by the PSA. The PSA will not accept training qualifications from unapproved Training Providers, applicants who include training certificates from unapproved training providers will not have their applications accepted.

To date nineteen Training Providers have been approved by the PSA, these providers will operate under the PSA Requirements Document, TP1:2018. This Standard will improve the way in which training providers deliver their courses and will bring consistency to the delivery of training. One of the key changes is that providers are now subject to inspection by the PSA. A list of approved Training Providers is available on www.psa.gov.ie.

Enforcement Focus

Since the start of the year the PSA have commenced 983 enforcement cases. Cases can be opened for a variety of reasons such as complaints about a licence holder from the public, investigations into unlicensed activity or compliance inspections of licensed contractors. We have also interviewed 674 security employees as part of our ongoing inspection work.

The following compliance actions have been taken against licence holders.

Compliance Actions	Contractor Licences	Individual Licences	Total
Prosecutions	1	0	1
Revocations	18	17	35
Suspensions	2	2	4
Reprimands	1	0	1
Warnings	1	8	9
Cautions	0	1	1
Advices	1	0	1

Contractor Prosecuted

On the 10th July 2018, Seamus Flynn trading as Flynn Electrical & Security of Ballinalee, Co. Longford was found guilty at Longford District Court for a breach of the Private Security Services Act. The prosecution by the Private Security Authority followed the provision of an unlicensed security service by Mr. Flynn at a pharmacy in Drumlish, Co. Longford. Judge Seamus Hughes fined Mr. Flynn €250 with costs of €2,500 awarded against him.

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