

## New Licence Card Requirements

We have recently issued revised requirements for the wearing of identity badges while on duty. The new notice gives clear instructions to individuals working in the Door Supervisor, Security Guarding and CIT sectors on the requirements that must be followed by them while on duty.

The new requirements took effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> July and since that date it is no longer permissible to wear an employer issued identity card. Only PSA licence cards may be used as an identity card from now on.

- Identity cards must be clearly visible at all times.
- The licence number and photograph must be displayed at all times.
- The licence card must be displayed on the upper body (above the stomach and below the neck). You cannot wear your PSA licence card on your belt.
- Members of the public can take a written note of your licence number and you should not prevent them from doing so. However, you should not hand over the licence card to them.
- Identity cards should not be hidden inside jackets, jumpers, behind ties or their view obstructed in any way. Similarly, reversing the cards so that the licence number and photograph are not displayed is also not permitted.

If you are found to be in breach of the requirements the PSA will take action against your licence. If you are found in breach of the requirements on more than one occasion within a 12 month period the PSA may suspend or revoke your licence. If your licence is suspended or revoked you may not provide a security service.

All licence holders must be familiar with the requirements and should read the information note in full [PSA 52.1 June 2019](#)

## Feedback

We welcome your feedback on our e-zine and its contents. We also welcome any suggestions for future issues. You can contact us at [info@psa.gov.ie](mailto:info@psa.gov.ie).

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**Employers:** It is your responsibility to ensure that your employees are familiar with the requirements for wearing an identity badge.

If there are persistent breaches of the requirements by your employees, the PSA may consider that you are in breach of PSA 28 or PSA 76 and take action against your licence.

Only PSA approved training providers can provide training for PSA licensing purposes. Details of our approved training providers are available on our website

[Training Providers Details](#)

## Public Consultation on Standard for Powered Gates

We have published a Public Consultation document “PSA Licensing Requirements for Electronic Security – Powered Gates Contractors in the Private Security Industry”. This process follows a previous public consultation in May 2017, and the considerations of a PSA working group comprising of stakeholders in the powered gates sector.

The PSA is seeking your views on the standard that should apply to those installing and maintaining powered gates. The document is in response to the PSA’s concerns for the safety and wellbeing of the public and consumers. The PSA may introduce a new licensed sector specifically for those operating in the powered gates area.

This consultation offers industry stakeholders, interested parties and others another opportunity to comment on the requirements to apply to providers of **Electronic Security – Powered Gates** for PSA licensing. The closing date for receipt of responses is Friday, the 20th September 2019. For further information please visit our website @ [www.psa.gov.ie](http://www.psa.gov.ie)

## Market Research on Licensing

The PSA have engaged the services of Amárach Research to carry out a survey of licenced contractors with a view of assessing the impact of regulation on the security industry. Contractors will be invited to participate in the research in the coming weeks. The results of this survey will enable the Authority to evaluate the current perception of our industry and regulation.

**An email from the PSA will issue in advance of the survey commencing.**

## Unsecured CCTV Cameras

CCTV systems which allow remote access via mobile technology are at risk of access of being targeted by criminals and others. Systems that have no password protection or use the default password provided by the manufacturer are most at risk.

The PSA recommends that Installers of Security Equipment and their clients do not use default passwords for CCTV systems, on-line cameras or DVR equipment. Licensed contractors should always advise clients to change the default password and instruct them on how to do so.

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### **Renewal Dates**

The next dates for renewal of individual licences are

**16<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**29<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

If you have a licence that expires on these dates, you should renew your licence online in advance of the expiry date once you have received your pin and password.

**All renewals must be made online at**

<https://renewals.psa.gov.ie>

To continue working in the licensed sector **you must renew your licence before it expires.**