

**May 2019** 

# **PSA Licensing To Be Extended**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> April, the Minister for Justice and Equality announced plans for the PSA to licence those involved in the enforcement of court orders. A new category of licence will be established, Enforcement Guard. The Department of Justice and Equality are currently preparing the legislative changes required to introduce licensing to this new sector. There is no timeframe for the licensing of the sector at the moment.

### **Enforcement Focus**

Since the start of 2019, the PSA has commenced 245 enforcement cases to ensure compliance with the licensing regulations. In addition, 268 security employees were interviewed as part of our ongoing inspection work. The following compliance actions have been taken against licence holders:

| Compliance<br>Actions | Contractor<br>Licences | Individual<br>Licences | Total |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Revocations           | 5                      | 3                      | 8     |
| Suspensions           | 0                      | 0                      | 0     |
| Reprimands            | 0                      | 1                      | 1     |
| Warnings              | 0                      | 10                     | 10    |
| Cautions              | 0                      | 1                      | 1     |
| Advices               | 0                      | 1                      | 1     |

## **National Slow Down Day 2019**

A national speed enforcement operation, 'Slow Down', will be conducted by An Garda Síochána over the 24 hour period from 7 a.m. on Friday 24th May to 7 a.m. on Saturday 25th May 2019.



To show support for **National 'Slow Down' Day**, and to increase visibility, An Garda Síochána has asked all drivers to turn dipped headlamps on.

### **PSA Contact Details**

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# REPORTING AN UNLICENSED SECURITY SERVICE

Help us to tackle unlicensed security services.

You can report an unlicensed security service through our website or by email to enforcement@psa.gov.ie



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# Renewing your Employee Licence? Check your details.

When your PSA licence is due to expire, you will receive an email from the PSA 4 to 6 weeks before the expiry of your licence. This email will have your pin and password which will allow you to log onto the renewal system, apply and pay for your licence.

If your current email address is not on file you will not receive your renewal pin and password and will not be able to renew your licence.

If your licence is due to expire over the coming months and your current email address is not on file, you can email your details to <a href="mailto:licensing@psa.gov.ie">licensing@psa.gov.ie</a>. Include your licence number, PPS, name and address in your email and mark it "Update Email address". Alternatively you can contact us at 062-32600 and have your PPS, licence number available, our phone lines are open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm.

### Mallow Home & Garden Festival 2019

The PSA will be attending the Mallow Home and Garden Festival 2019 which will be held in the Cork Racecourse, Mallow, Co. Cork on 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May. If you are attending the event please come visit us in the Dome.

60,000 people are expected to attend this year's show and the PSA will be aiming to increase awareness and understanding of our industry and in particular to ensure recognition of our licence holders as the legitimate source of security services.

Further information about this event is available on <a href="https://www.exhibitionsireland.ie/mallow-home-garden-festival-cork-racecourse-2019/">https://www.exhibitionsireland.ie/mallow-home-garden-festival-cork-racecourse-2019/</a>

### **Feedback**

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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

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.

#### **Customer Service Charter**

In applying standards to the regulation of the security industry, the PSA aims to ensure that consumer interests are at the forefront of service provision.

The PSA Customer Charter is our statement of the standards of service that our customers can expect to receive:

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