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# Excellent compliance with Licensing and ID Badge Requirements by Security Guarding staff in Dublin

On 15, 16 and 17 January 2012, Inspectors from the Private Security Authority (PSA) carried out a number of inspections of security guard (static) services in Dublin 1. The purpose of these inspections is to ensure that only those licensed by the PSA are operating and that individuals are wearing a clearly visible identity badge as legally required.

The PSA Inspectors found that 99% of individuals providing security guard (static) services were licensed and 100% of those licensed were wearing their Identity Badge as legally required. These figures are consistent with previous inspections carried out in the same area in October 2011.

Ms Geraldine Larkin, Chief Executive of the PSA said: "Compliance with the licensing requirements amongst security guards in Dublin 1 was excellent. Compliance with the wearing of the Identity Badge in a clearly visible manner was also excellent as this is a legal requirement and provides the public with evidence that the wearer has met the appropriate licensing standards set by the PSA. It also allows for identification if a member of the public wishes to make a complaint to the PSA. The PSA will continue to monitor compliance with the licensing and identity badge requirements by carrying out further checks in the Dublin area".

The Private Security Authority is the statutory body with responsibility for licensing and regulating the private security industry in Ireland. The Authority is an independent body under the aegis of the Department of Justice and Equality.

The Private Security Authority website (www.psa.gov.ie) contains a register of licence holders and is a useful tool for business and the public who can ensure that their security provider is licensed by checking the details on the register.