

Welcome to the second employee edition of PSAWatch in 2015, the ezine of the Private Security Authority which contains information aimed at individual licence holders. We hope you find this ezine useful and if you have a suggestion for inclusion in future issues please let us know.

- **New 3 year licence fee.**

The PSA, following approval by the Minister for Justice and Equality, will be increasing the duration of employee licences from two years to three years with effect from the **1st December 2015**. There will also be a slight increase in the licence fee from the 1st December 2015 as set out in the table below.

Type of Licence	Duration of Licence	Cost of Licence
Cash In Transit	3 years	€150
Door Supervisor Licence	3 years	€150
Security Guard Licence	3 years	€90
Combined Door Supervisor and Security Guard Licence	3 years	€220

As a result of these changes all licence holders will see a reduction in the average annual cost of their licence.

These changes come into effect from the 1st December 2015 and in the case of renewals will only apply to licence holders whose licence expires after 1st December 2015. Licence holders whose licence expires before this date will not be able to avail of the new 3 year licence even where they are late renewing their licence and lodge their renewal after the 1st December 2015.

The new 3 year licence will be granted to all first time licences issued after the 1st December 2015.

Licence holders can renew their licence online at www.psaonlineapplication.com

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- **First Time Applicants – Currency of Qualifications for Licensing**

Applicants applying to the PSA for their first licence must have obtained the prescribed training **within 36 months prior to the lodging of their application**. Training undertaken outside the 36 month period will not be acceptable for licensing purposes.

Existing licence holders will not be effected by requirement. Similarly, licence holders who have allowed their licence to expire, exited the industry and returned after a period of time, will not be effected. When the matter of refresher training has been addressed, this category of licence holders will be required to undertake some form of refresher training.

- **Upcoming Renewal Date**

The next date for renewal of individual licences which is the last date for 2015 is:

26th November 2015

If you have a licence that expires on the above date you should renew your licence online in advance of the expiry date. Renewals for the 26th November 2015 cannot avail of the new 3 year licence.

You can renew online at www.psaonlineapplication.com

- **Rejected Applications and Foreign Criminal Record Certificates**

All applications for licences are required to contain certain information and be accompanied by supporting documentation.

One of the main causes for rejecting applications is where they are not accompanied by a Foreign Criminal Record Certificate. These are required where:

- An individual has spent six months or more in another jurisdiction, and
- This period (or these periods) has/have occurred since the age of 15

Where these two conditions have been met the applicant **must** submit a criminal record certificate from the foreign jurisdiction(s). The PSA will reject applications where this document is not submitted.

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