

Welcome to the September 2014 edition of PSA Watch, the ezine of the PSA, the security regulator. In this issue we advise of the dates from which you can lodge your application for an Event Security Contractor Licence and a Security Guard (CCTV Monitoring) Licence.

LICENSING OF THE CCTV MONITORING SECTOR BY THE PSA COMMENCES

From 1 November 2014 those contractors who provide a CCTV Monitoring Centre service will require a licence from the Private Security Authority (PSA).

The extension of licensing to the CCTV Monitoring Centre sector is a major milestone for the PSA and compliments the licensing of CCTV installers which was introduced in 2012. To accommodate the licensing of the new sector, the Security Guard (Monitoring Centre) sector will be renamed Security Guard (Alarm Monitoring) and the new sector will be titled Security Guard (CCTV Monitoring).

The PSA will accept applications for this new sector from 1st October 2014.

Contractors who currently hold a Security Guard (Monitoring Centre) licence will be able to synchronise their certification audit for the new sector with their existing Monitoring Sector audit. Where their next compliance audit is not scheduled until after 1st November 2014, the Authority will issue a licence on foot of a letter from the Certification Body confirming that the contractor has registered for Security Guard (CCTV Monitoring). The scheduled audit can then encompass a compliance audit in respect of both Security Guard (Alarm Monitoring) and Security Guard (CCTV Monitoring). This arrangement will help to minimise compliance costs for licence holders. Contractors who avail of this arrangement must obtain certification before 31st October 2015.

In order to obtain a licence, existing holders of a PSA licence in the Security Guard (Monitoring Centre) sector will require certification from a PSA approved certification body certifying compliance to:

(1)		(2)
PSA 33:2014		PSA 33:2014
EN 50518-1		I.S. 228
EN50518-2	OR	S.R. 45
EN 50518-3		
S.R. 45		

New Contractors submitting an application after the 31st October 2014 must have certification to option 1.

The Authority will contact all Security Guard (Monitoring Centre) licence holders in the coming weeks with further information. Updates will also be available at www.psa.gov.ie

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LICENSING OF THE EVENT SECURITY SECTOR BY THE PSA COMMENCES

From 1st November 2014 contractors who provide Event Security services will require a Private Security Authority (PSA) licence.

The PSA will accept applications for this new sector from 1st October 2014.

In order to obtain a licence, contractors will require a certificate from a PSA approved certification body certifying compliance to PSA 39:2014.

Two types of licence are being created with the introduction of licensing to the Event Security sector:

- Door Supervisor (Event Security)
- Security Guard (Event Security)

The Door Supervisor (Event Security) licence is required by all those who provide security services in the Entertainment Area of an event. PSA 39:2014 defines the Entertainment Area as the specific area of a venue where the entertainment or social performance takes place and where the provision of a security service is undertaken by a Door Supervisor (Event Security) provider. The Entertainment Area includes areas where alcohol and food are served.

The Security Guard (Event Security) licence is required by all those who provide security services in the Periphery Area of an event. PSA 39:2014 defines the Periphery Area as the specific area of a venue adjacent to or in the vicinity of the Entertainment Area where the provision of a security service is undertaken by a Security Guard (Event Security) provider. The Periphery Area includes car parks, accommodation areas, venue perimeter and approaches, and any other location not within the Entertainment Area.

Contractors who currently hold either a Door Supervisor (Licensed Premises) or Security Guard (Static) licence will be able to synchronise their certification audit for the new licence with their existing certification audit. Where their next compliance audit is not scheduled until after the 1st November 2014, the Authority will issue a licence on foot of a letter from their Certification Body confirming that the contractor has registered for Event Security certification. The scheduled audit can then encompass a compliance audit in respect of all licensable sectors. This arrangement will help to minimise compliance costs for licence holders.

Contractors availing of this arrangement must obtain certification before the 31st October 2015.

The Authority will contact all Door Supervisor (Licenced Premises) and Security Guard (Static) licence holders in the coming weeks with further information. Updates will be available on our website, www.psa.gov.ie

A date for the licensing of individuals in the Event Security sector has not yet been set.

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LICENSING FEES FOR CONTRACTORS WHO WISH TO ADD A NEW SECTOR TO AN EXISTING LICENCE

Contractors who wish to add a new sector to an existing licence can do so by:

1. Completing a new application form to include turnover details by sector
2. Providing the relevant standard(s) or a letter of registration for the relevant standard with an approved Certification Body
3. Paying the prescribed licence fee *
4. Returning the existing PSA licence
5. Providing a current valid Tax Clearance Certificate where the unused period on the existing licence is 9 months or less.

**The licence fee for the additional sector(s) will be based on the unused period of the existing licence and will be calculated on the basis of turnover for all sectors including turnover (if any) in the add-on sector.*

Example of Fee payable:

- Contractor Licence issued 1 April 2014
- 1 November 2014 Contractor applies to add a new sector – the unused period on the existing licence is 17 months
- The cost of a new 2 year licence to include the original sector(s) and the addition of the new sector(s) is:
 - Admin Fee = €375.00
 - Turnover fee (based on turnover < €300k) = €93.75
 - Total cost for new 2 yr licence = €468.75

The table below should be referenced when calculating the fees payable for the addition of Sectors to existing licenses. The fee payable is the admin fee plus the turnover fee.

Unused Period (Months)	Admin fee	% Fee payable	Turnover <€300k	Turnover <€625k	Turnover <€1.25m	Turnover <€3.75m	Turnover <€10m	Turnover <€20m	Turnover >€20m
0-3	€1,000	100%	€250.00	€1,250.00	€2500.00	€5,000	€9,000	€19,000	€25,000
4-6	€875	87.5%	€218.75	€1,093.75	€2,187.50	€4,375	€7,875	€16,625	€21,875
7-9	€750	75.0%	€187.50	€937.50	€1,875.00	€3,750	€6,750	€14,250	€18,750
10-12	€625	62.5%	€156.25	€781.25	€1,562.50	€3,125	€5,625	€11,875	€15,625
13-15	€500	50.0%	€125.00	€625.00	€1,250.00	€2,500	€4,500	€9,500	€12,500
16-18	€375	37.5%	€93.75	€468.75	€937.50	€1,875	€3,375	€7,125	€9,375
19-21	€250	25.0%	€62.50	€312.50	€625.00	€1,250	€2,250	€4,750	€6,250
22-24	€125	12.5%	€31.25	€156.25	€312.50	€625	€1,125	€2,375	€3,125

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