

Annual Report for 2019

The Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee TD, welcomed the publication of the PSA's 2019 Annual Report on 4th November. Minister McEntee noted the importance of the work of the Authority in licensing and regulating the private Security industry whilst also acknowledging the considerable impact which Covid-19 has had on the security services industry.

Further details on Minister McEntee's statement and the Annual Report are available on the Authority's website [here](#).

The PSA also published the results of the research conducted by Amárach Research in late 2019 on the industry's and public's views on regulation. This report is available on the publications page of our website.

Keep Well

The Government have recently launched their "Keep Well" campaign which highlights the important role that individual and community resilience will play in contributing to our ongoing response to Covid-19. The campaign is aimed at showing people of all ages how we can mind our own physical and mental health and wellbeing by adding healthy and helpful habits to our daily and weekly routines. Starting with a plan to do one small thing that will keep you well is a great way to look after your mental health and wellbeing. Ideas and what's available in your local community can be found on the #KeepWell [website here](#).



For up to date public health information and advice please visit the HSE website;

<https://www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/>

Revocation of Security Guarding Licences with no training

Because of the unavailability of training courses between April and August 2020, the PSA allowed new applicants to the Static Guarding Sector to obtain a licence on the understanding they would complete the training within 3 months of the return of training courses

Licence holders who availed of this derogation were reminded of their obligation to complete the training when courses became available again on August 1st. This gave licence holders until until October 31st to complete the training requirements for licensing.

A number of licence holders have not met this requirement to date and will this week be issued with the PSA's proposal to revoke their SGS licences.

Enforcement Focus

Enforcement works closely with An Garda Síochána, Revenue, Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Workplace Relations Commission, training providers, industry representatives and other government agencies to ensure that individuals and companies operating within the private security industry comply with the law. During the period, January 1st to September 30th, 2020, the PSA commenced 531 Enforcement cases to ensure compliance with the licensing regulations.

One example of PSA working with a unit of An Garda Síochána:

The PSA received information from an anonymous report that an *'undocumented person was working within the security industry'* and using another individual's PSA License identity. Following an investigation we found a PSA licence card with a photograph cello-taped over the original valid photograph. The Regional Inspector immediately contacted the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB) who are currently investigating the matter.

Our compliance and inspection team can be contacted at;
enforcement@psa.gov.ie

Employee licences revoked July – September 2020

2020 Employee License Revocations				
License	Expiry Date	County	Revocation date	Sector
EM170839/23	01/02/2023	Offaly	07/07/2020	SG
EM174842/23	03/06/2023	Cork	09/07/2020	SG & DSP
EM156906/22	15/02/2022	Dublin 15	06/08/2020	SG & DSP
EM154659/21	19/09/2021	Dublin 7	08/09/2020	SG
EM000477/22	09/01/2022	Limerick	17/09/2020	DSP
EM175900/23	13/08/2023	Dublin 1	29/09/2020	SG

PSA Guidance on National Framework for living with Covid-19 Level 5

The PSA has prepared a guidance note for the security industry in accordance with the National Framework for living with Covid-19 following the Government's announcement of a move to Level 5 from midnight on 21st October 2020. Contractors should in the first instance refer to the latest public health advice and abide by any instructions issued by Government. More detailed information is available at gov.ie/covid19 In all other circumstances this guidance note should be followed. You can access the guidance note [here](#)

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