

Research on the Impact of Covid-19 on the Security Industry

The PSA contracted Research Matters to undertake a survey of licensed contractors in July to see how their businesses were impacted by Covid-19. The survey looked to;

- Ascertain the financial impact on business;
- Identify challenges contractors have faced;
- Characterise statutory supports received; and
- Ascertain the views of contractors about the support received from the PSA

The full report is available [here](#) on the publications page of our website. The following is some of the headline data:

- 89% of respondents were trading while 1% had ceased trading permanently. Another 5% had just restarted trading while 5% remained closed temporarily.
- 73% reported that their turnover to June 2021 had fallen when compared to pre-covid turnover.
- 28% of respondents expect their turnover to be near normal levels by the end of the year.
- 1% indicated that their business was insolvent while 6% said their business was at severe risk of insolvency.
- One third of all respondents indicated that neither they nor their employees availed of any of the Government supports highlighted.
- About one third of respondents were satisfied with the PSA's response, one third indicated they were either satisfied or dissatisfied and the final third were dissatisfied with the PSA's response.

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New Standard for Electronic Sector – Access Control

The new technical standard for contractors operating in the Access Control sector has been published. The standard, **PSA 67:2021**, sets out the technical requirements which contractors are expected to meet and maintain in order to comply with the licensing regulations of the PSA. The standard is being published now in advance of its introduction for licensing in the first quarter of 2022 to allow contractors time to become familiar with it. The standard is available [here](#)

Thought Leadership Webinars

On the 18th November 2022, Perpetuity Research will run a free **Thought Leadership** webinar titled *“Thinking about security in Ireland: what have been the enablers of good security?”*

This webinar will discuss:

- How has the Irish security sector fared in the pandemic?
- What are the main challenges now facing Ireland’s security personnel?
- What barriers need to be overcome to improve security in Ireland?

The panelists for the event include Garry Bergin - Manguard Plus and Director of the Security Institute of Ireland, Jennifer Ciolfi - Amazon Web Services and chair of Irish Chapter of the Institute of Strategic Risk Management and Paul Scallan – Chief Executive, Private Security Authority.

To find out more and register for this webinar please click [here](#)

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