

Access Control Standard (PSA 67:2021)

The new technical standard for contractors operating in the Access Control sector which was published last November will become a requirement for licensing from the 1st June 2022.

From the 1st June, contractors in the Access Control sector will be required to comply with the requirements of PSA 67:2021. A copy of the standard together with the associated auditing guidelines are available [here](#).

Contractors will be audited for compliance with PSA 67:2021 at their next scheduled audit. Contractors operating only in the Access Control sector will be required to provide two installations for audit. Contractors who also operate in the CCTV and/or Intruder Alarm sector will be required to provide 1 installation from each sector for audit. For example, a contractor operating in all 3 sectors will require 1 Access Control installation, 1 CCTV installation and 1 Intruder Alarm installation for audit.

Changes have also been made to the audit requirements for contractors who hold licences in the CCTV and Intruder Alarm sectors. From the 1st June 2022, contractors who operate in both sectors will be required to provide 1 installation from each sector for audit. Contractors operating in a single sector will still be required to provide 2 installations.

Contractors should familiarise themselves with both the standard and the auditing guidelines in advance of their next audit.

Online Careers Event for the Security Sector

The Department of Social Protection, with the assistance of the PSA, ran a jobs webinar on February 10th, aimed exclusively at recruitment to the Private Security Industry. The webinar is available to view [here](#).

PSA Contractors can use the Jobs Ireland website to advertise any vacancies they have. Further information is available at <https://jobsireland.ie/en-US/employers>.

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Enforcement Focus

In 2021 the PSA commenced 870 enforcement cases to ensure compliance with the licensing regulations. We undertook 42 contractor inspections, carried out 112 unannounced compliance inspections on licensed premises, and investigated 196 buyers of security cases. We had 1 successful prosecution.

Employee licences revoked Sept - Dec 2021

Licence	Expiry Date	County	Sector
EM164177/22	16/08/2022	Dublin 9	DSP
EM185343/24	24/07/2024	Dublin 15	DSP & SG
EM178048/23	10/08/2023	Dublin 4	SG
EM182017/24	09/04/2024	Dublin 1	SG
EM168458/22	06/11/2022	Dublin 22	DSP

Employee licences suspended Sept - Dec 2021

Licence	Expiry Date	County	Sector
EM178988/23	03/06/2023	Louth	SG
EM166745/22*	29/09/2022	Waterford	CIT* & SG
EM166750/22			
EM176748/23	13/08/2023	Dublin 20	SG

Event Security Licensing

The critical date for licensing of event security personnel will be the 1st October 2022. Licensing had been scheduled to begin in March 2020 but was deferred because of the pandemic. The licensing requirements for the sector will be published in advance.

REPORTING ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

IN THE SECURITY INDUSTRY

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2021 Licensing Statistics

Sector	Individuals	Contractors	Turnover (€)
Door Supervisor (Event Security)	N/A	34	1,125,364
Door Supervisor (Licensed Premises)	11,425	47	9,990,257
Locksmith	N/A	226	20,891,026
Private Investigator	N/A	100	7,445,326
Security Guard (Alarm Monitoring)*	651	37	56,440,492
Security Guard (CCTV Monitoring)	N/A	34	23,236,596
Security Guard (Event Security)	N/A	49	3,275,356
Security Guard (Static)	27,559	185	432,400,693
Electronic Security Sector	N/A	1,059	277,936,691
Cash In Transit	1,085	4	69,837,640
Total **	40,720	1,775	902,579,441***

*The figure for individuals includes Alarm Monitoring and CCTV Monitoring as one licence covers both categories.

**The number of licences issued is greater than the number of licensed individuals and contractors as some licence holders have licences in multiple sectors.

***Turnover is based on figures provided by contractors with their application and relates to their previous accounting period.

Installing Domestic CCTV Systems

Domestic CCTV systems should not be installed in a manner that would capture images from a neighbour's property. When installing systems contractors should advise their client if the CCTV system will capture images (and sounds) of people outside of the perimeter of their property.

Contractors should refer to the PSA's information note on data protection and domestic CCTV.

[Information Note On Data Protection And Domestic CCTV](#)

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