

An tÚdarás Slándála Príobháidí The Private Security Authority

June 2022

PSA 67 Standard

Following the introduction of the new Access Control standard, PSA 67:2021, the Irish Security Industry Association (ISIA) with the support of the PSA have arranged three information seminars on the new standard. The seminars are open to all and will take place in Athlone, Dublin and Portlaoise.

Pat Jeffries, Abloy Academy Technical Expert, will present on the European standards while the PSA will talk on PSA 67.

| • | Tuesday 21st June | Midlands Hotel, Portlaoise | 5pm – 7pm |
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| • | Wednesday 22nd June | Sheraton Hotel Athlone | 5pm – 7pm |
| • | Thursday 23rd June | Clayton Hotel, Dublin Airport | 5pm – 7pm |

You can find full details on each event on the ISIA page on Eventbrite using the image below.



Event Security Licensing

The licensing of Event Security employees which was originally scheduled to take place in March 2020 will now commence on the 1st November 2022. The PSA will be in touch with Event Security contractors shortly with full details and a seminar for contractors will be arranged in September.

Private Investigator Licensing

The licensing of Private Investigator employees will also commence on the 1st November 2022. The training course required for licensing is currently being developed and will be launched over the summer. A seminar for private investigators will be organised to coincide with the training launch.

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Participate In Developing Our New Strategic Plan

Following its appointment in March, the new Board to the Private Security Authority is obliged to prepare a Strategic Plan for the next 3 years. The Plan will set out our objectives, outputs and related strategies for the years ahead. As part of the development of the Plan, the PSA is seeking the thoughts and views of the security industry. The responses received will help shape the Plan and influence the future direction and operations of the PSA.

There are two ways in which you can participate in this process. The first, involves a short questionnaire on the values and objectives contained in the previous Plan and to see if these values are still relevant for the future.

The second, provides licence holders with an opportunity to make a written submission to the PSA on the future strategic direction of regulation and the PSA. Submissions should be consistent with the PSA's statutory mandate to regulate the security industry. Submissions will be assessed and key themes identified.

The results of the questionnaire and the submissions received will inform the development of the draft strategy which will then go forward for public consultation. It is expected that this will occur in July 2022.

You can take part in the questionnaire by using the link below. It should take no longer than 5 minutes. The closing date for the questionnaire is the **14**th June 2022.

STRATEGIC PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

Written submissions can be sent by email to public_consultation@psa.gov.ie. The closing date for written submissions is 3pm, Wednesday, the 29nd June 2022.

Our Strategic Plan for 2019-2021 can be found here.



Be Sun Smart Security personnel who spend long periods outdoors are exposed to high levels of UV rays from the sun. <u>Check out the HSE's</u> <u>advice for outdoor workers.</u>



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Enforcement Focus

Our compliance activity so far this year included unannounced visits to 338 licensed premises, 98 investigations of security buyers and 3 prosecutions. You can find details of our prosecutions on our <u>website</u>.

Licence **Expiry Date** County Sector EM177353/23 DSP & SG 21/10/2023 Co. Tipperary EM177661/23 08/09/2023 Co. Clare SG Dublin 24 EM188559/24 11/12/2024 DSP & SG 01/02/2023 Dublin 5 DSP & SG EM171814/23 EM188171/24 28/08/2024 Dublin 7 DSP & SG EM187481/25 09/01/2025 Co. Cork SG EM183623/24 07/07/2024 Co. Westmeath SG EM186068/24 05/11/2024 Dublin 9 SG

Employee licences revoked Jan - Mar 2022

Employment Letters

PSA licensed contractors may request an employment letter from the PSA for employees who have lodged an application but not yet been issued with a licence. Employment letters are currently valid for a maximum of 60 days, but this duration may vary depending on our processing times.

Requests for employment letters should quote the name of the applicant and their PSA application number and sent by email to <u>licensing@psa-gov.ie</u>. The employee should not commence licensable activity until you receive an employment letter.

It is an offence under Section 37 of the Private Security Services Acts to provide a security service without a licence. Contractors using unlicensed personnel may have their licence suspended or revoked. REPORTING ILLEGAL ACTIVITY IN THE SECURITY INDUSTRY Help us to tackle illegal activity in the security industry. You can report your concerns through our website or by email to enforcement@psa-gov.ie

LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR UKRAINIANS We have published our

licensing requirements for Ukrainians seeking work in the security industry. <u>Full details are available</u> on our website.