

PSA Newsletter April 2024

Welcome to our April Newsletter.



Electronic Security Sector Statistics

At the end of 2023 there were 988 contractors in the Electronic Security Sector, a drop of 84 over the year. Most of the decline can be accounted for by contractors who withdrew from the access control sector following the introduction of the PSA 67 standard in June 2022.

Some contractors hold licences in all three sectors while others hold licences in one or two sectors. The following table provides details of the number of licences in circulation in each of the Electronic Security Sectors at the end of 2023.

	2021	2022	2023
Number of Licensed Contractors	1,059	1,072	988
Access Control Licences	968	974	799
CCTV Licences	841	843	862
Intruder Alarm Licences	731	741	737
Temporary Licences	55	37	29

Turnover for the Electronic Security sectors grew again in 2023. The turnover figures, which are taken from details provided by contractors with their applications can be up to two years old depending on when a contractor last renewed their licence.

Year	Overall	Electronic
2021	€902,579,000	€277,937,000
2022	€962,963,000	€302,464,000
2023	€1,006,521,000	€315,429,000

Enforcement Focus

In 2023, we commenced 932 (2022:870) enforcement cases to ensure compliance with the licensing regulations. We undertook 144 (2022: 131) contractor inspections, carried out 187 (2022: 204) unannounced compliance inspections on licensed premises, and investigated 212 (2022: 202) buyers of security cases. We had 2 (2022: 5) successful prosecutions. A further 24 licence holders had their licence suspended for a period while 29 had their licence revoked.

Helping Us Make A Decision On Your Application

Every year, the PSA makes thousands of decisions on whether to grant or refuse a licence. Most applicants are granted a licence but if your application is being considered for refusal we will notify you in advance and provide you with an opportunity to make representations as to why we should not refuse your application.

When responding to such a notification the following are some of the things which might support your application:

- Evidence of rehabilitation.
- References - Independent references will bear a greater influence over references from family members or friends. References must clearly describe how they know you and the time period over which they have known you. They must also confirm that they know about the reason(s) why your application is being considered for refusal by referring to the specifics and are still prepared to provide the reference.

For details on the potential impact criminal convictions/charges, cases pending or other issues have on your eligibility for a licence please see our [Fit and Proper Guidelines](#).



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