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1. AUDITING GUIDELINES

The Government of Ireland through the Private Security Services Act, 2004, established the Private Security Authority (PSA) as the national regulatory and licensing body for the private security industry. Amongst the areas regulated by the PSA is the Event Security sector. The PSA has prescribed *PSA Licensing Requirements - Event Security (PSA 39:2014)* as the standard to be observed by contractors in this sector.

These guidelines set out the auditing requirements to be followed by approved certification bodies when auditing organisations in the Door Supervisor (Event Security) and Security Guard (Event Security) sectors for *PSA 39:2014* certification. The guidelines should be read in conjunction with the PSA requirements document *PSA Licensing Requirements - Event Security (PSA 39:2014)*.

The guidelines will be reviewed on a regular basis and updated versions will be provided to certification bodies and made available on our website, www.psa.gov.ie.

Certification bodies are required to share auditing information on contractors who apply for a PSA licence. Certification bodies should ensure that any contracts or other arrangements entered into with contractors provide for the sharing of this information with the PSA.

2. GENERAL

2.1 PSA Licensing Requirements

The PSA requirements document “*PSA Licensing Requirements - Event Security (PSA 39:2014)*”, hereinafter referred to as PSA 39:2014, sets out the requirements to be achieved and maintained by contractors applying for a licence from the PSA in the Door Supervisor (Event Security) and Security Guard (Event Security) sectors.

Contractors seeking a licence from the PSA must comply with PSA 39:2014. A contractor’s compliance shall be assessed against the requirement document by PSA approved certification bodies in accordance with these guidelines.

Certification bodies must agree in writing to be bound by these auditing guidelines before the PSA will accept evidence of certification from them.

2.2 Audits

2.2.1 Contractors shall be subject to an audit by an approved certification body at least once during each calendar year or at such intervals as the PSA may prescribe. The purpose of the audit is to verify compliance with PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

2.2.2 The PSA may request certification bodies to focus their audit on certain areas of an organisations activities. Such requests will be within the terms of PSA 39:2014.

2.2.3 All audits shall involve a visit to the contractors address as stated on their PSA licence.

Where the address visited is not as stated on the licence, the auditor shall confirm that the address on the licence is the registered address of the organisation. If it is not the registered address this should be recorded in the audit report. In such instances the address visited should be the administrative office of the organisation.

Where the address on the licence is outside of Ireland a visit to the contractor’s administrative office in Ireland shall occur. Where the overseas office has access to Irish client files the organisation must provide a statement confirming that the requirements of PSA 39:2014 are being met.

Where the administrative address is outside of Ireland, a visit to the address outside of Ireland shall take place.

Where an organisation has more than one administrative office all records required for audit purposes should be made available at a single location on the date(s) of the audit. If this is not possible, audits should rotate between the different administrative offices of the organisation.

2.2.4 Organisations that change their legal status shall be subject to an audit. A change in legal status includes changing from a sole trader to a company, sole trader to partnership, partnership to company or unlimited company to limited company.

Where a merger of two businesses takes place and a new entity formed an audit is required.

An audit is not required where;

- (a) one organisation takes over another organisation, both organisations are PSA licensed and there is no change in the legal status of the first organisation.
- (b) where a change in legal status occurs and all partners, directors and shareholders of the new entity were vetted by the PSA as part of the previous entity or entities.

2.2.5 Organisations that change address shall be subject to a visit at their new address before their certification can be amended. Whether this is done by an auditor or PSA Inspector will be determined by the position in the audit cycle.

If an audit is due, the date of the audit may be brought forward and an examination of the new address undertaken. Where applicable, the audit should ensure that the new address meets the requirements for command and control systems and premises.

To avoid placing additional cost on an organisation by requiring audit by a certification body in the period between audits, the PSA Inspector may be requested to undertake an inspection.

2.2.6 Audits shall be conducted in accordance with these guidelines. Where the guidelines require the recording of an action or other matter this shall be recorded in the audit report.

2.2.7 Where PSA 39:2014 or these guidelines require an auditor to inspect or sample records or other documents the auditor shall select at random from a list of such records or documents the ones to be audited. Under no circumstances shall an auditor accept records chosen or selected by the organisation.

In selecting records or documents auditors shall select a large enough sample as to be satisfied that a representative selection has been chosen. Auditors shall, where possible, select different samples at subsequent audits.

The PSA recommends that any sample size should equal the square root of the total training records and the square root of the total screening records,

as a minimum. Where the sample size exceeds 25 the Auditor may stop at 25 if satisfied that a pattern of compliance has been established from the selected sample.

The number of 'new' employee files to be reviewed at each audit shall not exceed 75% of all files reviewed.

The name of each sample record/document should be recorded.

2.2.8 When an organisation has successfully completed an audit they shall be issued with a certificate of compliance/registration certifying same. Certificates shall be issued for a maximum period of 2 years.

2.2.9 When an audit has been completed the certification body shall notify the PSA of same and provide a copy of the audit report to the PSA on request.

Note: Provision of a copy of the certificate of compliance/registration shall be accepted as notification.

2.2.10 Audit reports shall be in the format set out in **Annex A**.

2.2.11 Where a contractor holds Phase 1 certification, a full audit in accordance with PSA 39:2014 and these guidelines shall occur within 6 months of the issuing of a PSA licence

Non Compliance: Category 1

2.2.12 Where a contractor fails to obtain full compliance to PSA 39:2014 or fails to arrange an audit for same, the certification body shall notify the PSA.

2.3 Audit Compliance

2.3.1 Full compliance with PSA 39:2014 in accordance with **2.4** must be achieved before certification can be issued.

2.3.2 Where an organisation fails to comply with any of the requirements of the requirements document, details of all the non-compliances shall be recorded in the audit report together with details of the required corrective actions and the timeframe by which the corrective action is to be completed.

2.3.3 When corrective action has been completed, this should be recorded on the audit report together with details of how the corrective action was verified by the auditor, e.g. email, re-visit, etc.

2.3.4 When finalised, audit reports should detail all non-compliances and corrective actions.

2.4 Audit Non-Conformances

2.4.1 Where a contractor fails to meet any of the requirements of PSA 39:2014, this shall be recorded as a non-compliance in accordance with the categories specified in these auditing guidelines. Organisations have 5 weeks from date of audit to rectify a non-conformance.

The following criteria shall apply to non-conformances.

1) Organisations shall not pass an audit where:

- A category 1 non-conformance is present.
- 3 or more category 2 non-conformances are present.
- 6 or more category 3 non-conformances are present.
- A combination of 6 or more category 2 and category 3 non-conformances are present.

All non-conformances at 1) must be closed before an audit is passed.

2) An organisation may pass an audit where:

- Less than 3 category 2 non-conformances are present.
- Less than 6 category 3 non-conformances are present.
- A combination of less than 6 category 2 and category 3 non-conformances are present.

Organisations are still required to rectify all non-conformances. However, any follow up action by the auditor may be deferred until the next audit. If at the next audit a non-conformance has not been rectified the non-conformance category shall move up a level.

3) Section 1 of the above criteria continues to apply where an organisation rectifies some of their non-conformances. An organisation may not move from section 1 to section 2 by virtue of rectifying a non-conformance.

2.4.2 Where the 5 week period referred to in **2.4.1** has elapsed and an organisation has not passed an audit, the certification body shall write to the organisation requiring them to rectify all outstanding matters within 14 days and advising that failure to do so within 7 days of the expiration of the 14 day timeframe, will result in their certification being suspended for a period of 3 months and the PSA being notified of same.

2.4.3 On receipt of notification that an organisations certification has been suspended, the PSA will commence compliance action against the organisation. This action may result in the suspension or revocation of an organisations licence.

2.5 Audit Reports

2.5.1 An audit report shall be produced for each audit completed. The audit report shall include the following information:

- 1) The name, address and contact details of the certification body.
- 2) The name of the auditor(s) who undertook the audit.
- 3) The date(s) of the audit(s).
- 4) The name, address, contact details and PSA licence number of the contractor.
- 5) A summary of the audit highlighting any non-conformities found.
- 6) Update report on screening and training records reviewed and dated (see **Annex B**).

2.5.2 A copy of the audit report shall be sent by the certification body to the PSA upon request. The report should be submitted within 14 days of receipt of such a request.

2.6 Certification

2.6.1 All certificates for PSA 39:2014 issued by certification bodies shall contain the organisations address as recorded on the organisations PSA licence.

3. ORGANISATION

3.1 Ownership

3.1.1 The name and contact details of each person who owns part of the organisation or who has control over the organisation shall be recorded in the audit report together with the name and contact details of the organisation's management.

Where the company is a PLC, details of shareholdings are not required. However, details of senior management responsible for the licensable sectors should be recorded.

Non Compliance: Category 3

3.1.2 The names and contact details of all directors including the company secretary shall be recorded.

The results of the screening of principals and directors including the company secretary shall be audited for compliance with screening requirements. The audit report shall confirm that screening requirements were met. . Where a director and/or the company secretary has been with the organisation for a period in excess of 5 years no further screening is required. A declaration attesting to this must be signed by the organisations accountant or solicitor. (see **Annex C**)

Non Compliance: Category 1 for breaches of screening requirements

3.1.3 The auditor shall be provided with the name and PSA licence number of any director of the organisation who is also an operational employee of the organisation. The PSA licence of such directors shall be inspected. The names of such directors and the details of their PSA licence should be recorded in the audit report.

If, on the day of the audit, the PSA licence of a director is not available because the director is on operational duties, a copy of the licence may be inspected.

Non Compliance: Category 1

3.1.4 The organisation shall confirm to the auditor if any principal or director is or has been a bankrupt. If confirmed, details of the bankruptcy shall be inspected in the organisation's files and the name of the person involved and the period of the bankruptcy recorded in the audit report.

Non Compliance: Category 3

3.1.5 The organisation shall confirm to the auditor if any of the principals hold a beneficial interest in any other organisation subject to licensing by the PSA. If confirmed the details shall be inspected and the names, contact details of such principals and details of the other licensed entity shall be recorded.

Non Compliance: Category 3

3.1.6 The auditor shall be provided with the name and PSA licence number of all operational supervisory and management staff who undertakes licensable activities. These details should be recorded in the audit report.

Non Compliance: Category 1

3.1.7 The organisation shall confirm to the auditor the name and contact details of any person who is a beneficiary of the organisation or any person that may hold a material interest in the organisation and who has not been identified at **3.1.1** or **3.1.2**. The details of such persons shall be recorded by the auditor in the audit report.

Non Compliance: Category 1

3.1.8 The organisation shall provide the auditor with a detailed organisational chart showing all persons involved in the management and operation of the business, and to include all persons and third parties, including consultants, providing regular ancillary services to the business such as sales, client liaison, consultancy services, payroll, training and accounting services.

In the cases of services provided by third parties it is sufficient to record the name of the third party on the organisation chart. A copy of the organisation chart should be attached to the audit report.

Non Compliance: Category 3

3.2 Finances

3.2.1 The auditor shall inspect the organisation's tax clearance certificate and verify that it relates to the organisation and is in date. The following details from the tax clearance certificate shall be recorded in the audit report.

- Tax Certificate Number
- Issue Date
- Valid Until Date

If the organisation has applied for a tax clearance certificate but has not obtained one because of delay by the Revenue Commissioners, the organisation may receive additional time to obtain same. Evidence that an application has been made to the Revenue Commissioners must be provided before such an extension is granted.

Non Compliance: Category 1

3.2.2 The organisation shall confirm in writing to the auditor whether or not there are any loans to the organisation from the directors and/or shareholders. The auditor shall verify that all such loans are recorded in the organisation's accounts as loan capital. The following details shall be recorded in the audit report.

- Date of loan
- Amount of loan
- Who the loan is from
- Amount of any repayments made
- Date of repayments
- Amount outstanding at the time of audit

Non Compliance: Category 2

3.2.3 Cash flow statements shall be requested from:

- New organisations who are having their first PSA 39 audit,
- Organisations who are unable to provide a tax clearance certificate within the timeframes set out in **2.4.1**,
- Organisations where the PSA request one be provided as part of the audit.

The auditor shall inspect the organisation's cash flow statement for the current accounting period and for new organisations, the cash flow forecast for the first 12 months. A copy shall be attached to the audit report.

Non Compliance: Category 2

3.2.4 The organisation shall provide the auditor with a statement signed by a principal of the organisation which details all persons who are the signatories to the organisations bank accounts. The statement shall be attached to the audit report.

Non Compliance: Category 2

3.3 Insurance

3.3.1 The auditor shall inspect the organisation's insurance policy and certificate of insurance and verify that the cover is relevant to the nature of the business. The audit report shall record which of the following are covered and the maximum liability in each area.

- Employer liability and public liability
- Motor insurance
- Deliberate act
- Fidelity
- Defamation
- Efficacy
- Consequential loss of keys
- Wrongful arrest
- Professional indemnity
- Other (please specify)

In the case of deliberate act insurance the organisation shall provide written evidence from their underwriter/broker that all venues where a security service is provided are covered.

Non Compliance: Category 1

3.4 Premises

3.4.1 The auditor shall visit the administrative office of the organisation and confirm that all records, business documents, certificates, correspondence and files necessary for the proper conduct of business are kept in a secure confidential manner.

Where records are maintained on computer based systems the auditor shall request evidence from the organisation that all firewalls and other security systems are current and within licence.

Non Compliance: Category 2

3.4.2 The auditor shall confirm that the administrative office at 3.4.1 is protected by an intruder alarm system which has been installed and maintained in accordance with prevailing PSA requirements. The auditor shall inspect the organisation's written records and confirm that it contains the name, address and contact number of the intruder alarm installer as well as details of the maintenance and service history. The name and PSA licence number of the installer shall be recorded in the audit report.

Non Compliance: Category 2

3.4.3 The auditor shall confirm that the alarm is remotely monitored by one of the following:

- (a) a PSA licensed monitoring centre. The auditor shall inspect the organisation's written record of the name, address and contact number of the monitoring centre providing this service. The name and PSA licence number of the monitoring centre shall be recorded in the audit report.
- (b) a monitoring centre certified to EN 50518 or equivalent standard where the administrative office is located outside of Ireland.
- (c) a security guard (static) service provided at the premises where the administrative office is located where this security guard service monitors the intruder alarm on the premises.

Non Compliance: Category 2

3.5 Organisation Information

3.5.1 The auditor shall inspect the organisation's letterheads, advertising, promotional documentation and contracts and confirm the presence of the organisations PSA licence number(s) for all categories for which the organisation is licensed.

The auditor shall select at random a contract to confirm this requirement is met with regards to contracts.

If the organisation provides licensable activities in a sector for which it does not hold a licence this shall be brought to the attention of the organisation and the PSA.

Non Compliance: Category 3

3.5.2 For the purposes of clauses **3.5.2** and **3.5.3** of PSA 39:2014, the auditor shall select at random a sample of contracts for inspection.

Where the provision of a contract is required by a client the auditor shall inspect the organisation's written contracts and confirm that it includes the following for the provision of the service:

- Total Costing of the service (including VAT)
- The arrangements for payment
- Obligations to the client (surveys, assignment instructions, compliance with industry standards or codes of practice)
- Sub-contracting agreements where applicable
- Period of contract (including reference to requirements for termination and any associated exclusions, penalty clauses or restrictions)
- Agreed levels of response, means of reporting and exchange of information
- Safety Statement
- Complaints procedures and complaints management procedures
- Agreed scope of service to be provided

Non Compliance: Category 2

3.5.3 The auditor shall confirm that contracts are signed by a principal of the organisation and by the client and a copy retained by the organisation. Where the client has not signed the contract the auditor shall confirm that evidence of postage of the contract to the client by registered post/e-mail delivery is available.

Non Compliance: Category 2

3.5.4 Where the organisation has engaged a sub-contractor to provide licensable services to a client the auditor shall record details of the sub-contractors name, PSA Licence number and expiry date in the audit report.

Where unlicensed contractors have been used, the certification body shall

record details in the audit report and brought to the attention of the PSA.

Non Compliance: Category 1

3.6 Quotations in pursuance of Contracts or Business

3.6.1 The auditor shall select at random a sample of written quotations and confirm that they comply with the requirements of clauses **3.6.1** and **3.6.2** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 2

3.7 Compliance with Legislation

3.7.1 The organisation shall provide the auditor with a current statement, signed by a principal of the organisation, confirming compliance with all relevant legislation and shall state specifically its compliance, where relevant, with the following:

- Health, Safety and Welfare at Work Act(s).
- Organisation of Working Time Act(s).
- Private Security Services Acts.
- Data Protection Acts.
- Taxation and Social Welfare Acts.
- Payment of Wages Act.
- Immigration Acts.

The statement (**Annex D**) shall be dated within 2 weeks prior to the audit date and shall be attached to the audit report.

Health, Safety and Welfare at Work Act(s): Organisations are required to keep recorded evidence that each employee is aware of Health & Safety Policy.

Organisation of Working Time Act(s): A number of employee records (timesheets/rosters) should be inspected to ascertain the number of hours worked over a period of time.

Non Compliance: Category 2

3.7.2 The organisation shall provide the auditor with a statement, signed by the principal of the organisation confirming compliance with all current legally enforceable agreements or legislation in respect of rates of pay and all associated conditions.

The statement shall be dated within 2 weeks prior to the audit date and shall be attached to the audit report. The statement may form part of the statement provided at **3.7.1**. The auditor shall inspect payroll records to verify compliance with clause 3.7.2 of PSA 39:2014

Non Compliance: Category 2

4. STAFFING

4.1 Selection and Pre Employment Screening

4.1.1 General

4.1.1.1 The auditor shall inspect the organisation's pre employment records to confirm enquiries in respect of competency and good character have been completed.

Non Compliance: Category 3

4.1.1.2 The auditor shall inspect the organisation's pre employment records and confirm the required screening of all relevant persons offered employment.

In addition to persons providing licensable activities, relevant persons includes any person who will have access to details of security duties, assignment instructions, security services provided to clients as well as any person supervising relevant persons.

When selecting records for inspection auditors should not limit the selection to persons providing licensable activities. Persons in all relevant employment areas should be included.

Non Compliance: Category 1

4.1.1.3 The auditor shall confirm the existence of personnel files for persons subject to screening and shall confirm that records previously examined continue to be maintained. The personnel file checklist at **Annex E** of the auditors report should be completed.

Non Compliance: Category 1

4.1.1.4 The auditor shall inspect the personnel files and confirm that they include the required statement of authorisation and acknowledgement document signed and dated by employees in accordance with clause **4.1.1.4** of PSA 39:2014 requirements.

Non Compliance: Category 2

4.1.1.5 The auditor shall confirm that employment offers for operational staff are issued only to individuals who hold the relevant PSA licence and where full screening has been completed.

Note: Where the organisation obtains a contract within 15 weeks prior to the date of the event and screening has not been completed in advance of the event, an offer of employment may be issued provided the following conditions are met:

- (a) *The applicant holds the relevant PSA licence,*
- (b) *The number of persons not screened does not exceed 10% of the total number of licensed security personnel deployed by the organisation at the event.*

Non Compliance: Category 3

4.1.1.6 The auditor will inspect the certified copies of relevant personnel and screening documentation held on the personnel file.

Non Compliance: Category 1

4.1.1.7 The auditor will include in the inspection the personnel files of part-time employees and directors and confirm that such files include completed screening records.

Non Compliance: Category 1

4.1.1.8 The auditor will include in the inspection the personnel files of temporary and ancillary staff engaged in relevant employment and confirm that such files include completed screening records.

Where the organisation engages agency staff the auditor shall verify that such staff meet the screening requirements of clause **4.1** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

4.1.1.9 The auditor shall confirm that screenings periods are in accordance with clause **4.1.1.9** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

4.1.1.10 The organisation shall confirm that employees involved in licensable activities are over 18 years of age and provide a list of all employees involved in licensable activities who are over the age of 65. The auditor shall confirm that a fitness for duty certificate exists for each employee over the age of 65 as required under PSA 39:2014 Clause **4.1.1.12**

Note: Employees involved in licensable activities who are over the age of 65 shall provide a fitness for duty certificate within 6 weeks of turning 65 and at yearly intervals thereafter. Certificates should be signed and stamped by a medical practitioner.

The requirement to provide a fitness for duty certificate has been suspended

4.1.1.11 The auditor shall confirm that Event Security supervisor personnel files confirm that the person employed as a supervisor has displayed the competence to carry out this role.

Non Compliance: Category 2

4.1.1.13 The auditor shall confirm that where screening for a shorter period has occurred it is carried out in accordance with clause **4.1.1.13** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

4.1.1.14 Where applicable, auditors shall confirm that employees have provided permissions to former employers as required in accordance with clause **4.1.1.14** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

4.1.1.15 In the case of gaps in the screening record which cannot be independently verified, organisations may obtain written statements from personal referees provided that:

- the referee has personal knowledge of the person being screened;
- except in the case of a family run business, the referee is not a family member or personal friend of the employee;
- the screening is on a month to month basis for the period concerned;
- the organisation has verified the details of the statements and referees.

In such circumstances the auditor shall inspect the written statements from the personal referees and be satisfied that the above requirements are met.

Non Compliance: Category 1

4.1.2 Pre Employment Interview

4.1.2.1 The auditor shall inspect the pre employment interview records and confirm the inclusion of the following documentation:

- Details of previous employers and employment dates,
- Contact details for previous employers,
- Dates of unemployment,
- Applicant's current address,
- Dates of education.

Non Compliance: Category 2

4.1.2.2 The auditor shall confirm that the personal interview has been carried out in accordance with clause **4.1.2.2** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 2

4.1.2.3 The auditor shall confirm that interview notes are held on the personnel file and that the requirements of clause **4.1.2.2** of PSA 39:2014 have been met.

Non Compliance: Category 2

4.1.3 Character and other References

4.1.3.1 The auditor shall inspect the personnel file to ensure full compliance with the screening requirements set out in clause **4.1.3.1** of PSA 39:2014. Where a continuous screening record cannot be obtained the requirements of clause **4.1.1.15** shall apply.

Non Compliance: Category 1

4.1.3.2 The auditor shall confirm that where references have been taken by phone the requirements set out in clause **4.1.3.2** of PSA 39:2014 have been followed.

Non Compliance: Category 1

4.1.3.3 The auditor shall inspect the third party documents provided for screening purposes and confirm that they are in accordance with clause **4.1.3.3** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

4.1.3.4 The auditor shall confirm that the questionnaire on medical history and present general health has been completed.

Non Compliance: Category 3

4.1.4 Evidence of Qualifications/Awards

4.1.4.1 The auditor shall confirm that relevant qualifications/awards have been received. Where possession of a PSA Licence is used as evidence of holding the required awards, the auditor shall confirm that the licence details were provided prior to employment commencing.

Non Compliance: Category 1

4.1.5 Work Permits, Authorisations and Permissions

4.1.5.1 The auditor shall confirm that all necessary records associated with the required documentation for work visa applications and permissions to work are in place and documented reviews of the validity of the permissions are recorded on file.

Non Compliance: Category 1

4.1.5.2 The auditor shall inspect the organisation's register of employees who have applied for or hold permission to work in the State and confirm that the organisation is compliant with all requirements of clause **4.1.5** of PSA 39:2014. The register should contain details of the PSA licence number and expiry date of all those on the register under clause **4.1.5.2** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 2

4.1.6 Maintenance and Retention of Records

4.1.6.1 The auditor shall inspect the records of employee's details and confirm that they comply with the requirements contained in clause **4.1.6.1** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 2

4.1.6.2 The organisation shall provide the auditor with details of the storage arrangements for employee records. Where records are accessed by computer this shall include details of firewalls and other security measures. The auditor shall satisfy themselves that such storage arrangements are in accordance with clause **4.1.6.2** of PSA 39:2014. The auditor shall ensure that the organisation's processes are in line with Information Note PSA 36, see **Annex F**.

Non Compliance: Category 2

4.1.6.3 The auditor shall confirm that details of current employees are held in accordance with clause **4.1.6.3** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 2

4.1.7 Screening and Acquired Companies

4.1.7.1 Where applicable, the auditor shall confirm that screening has taken place in accordance with clause **4.1.7.1** PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

4.2 Terms of Employment

4.2.1 The auditor shall confirm that employees receive a contract of employment and staff handbook.

Note: Contracts of employment may not be required in TUPE arrangements.

Non Compliance: Category 1

4.2.2 The auditor shall confirm that terms of employment are in accordance with clause 4.2.2 of PSA 39:2014.

Organisations are required to produce written evidence that employees have either been shown the organisations policies in relation to recruitment, equality, communications, etc., or have been provided with copies of same.

Non Compliance: Category 2

4.3 Code of Conduct

4.3.1 The auditor shall confirm that the organisation's code of conduct is in accordance with clause **4.3.1** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 2

4.3.2 The auditor shall inspect personnel files and confirm that the code of conduct has been signed by employees including any employees who have joined the organisation under the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (TUPE).

Non Compliance: Category 2

4.4 Identification

4.4.1 The auditor shall confirm that the organisation complies with the requirements on identity badges contained in clause **4.4.1** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

4.4.2 The organisation shall provide evidence that all employees have been instructed on PSA requirements for wearing an identity badge.

Non Compliance: Category 2

4.5 Uniform

4.5.1 The auditor shall inspect a specimen of the organisation's uniform and confirm that it meets the requirements contained in clause **4.5.1** and **4.5.3** of PSA 39:2014. If a specimen of the uniform has previously been inspected at an audit, a photograph of the uniform is permitted provided there have been no changes since the last audit.

The organisation shall provide the auditor with details of all clients who have requested that the organisation's uniform is not worn. The auditor shall confirm that a written record of such requests has been received from clients in accordance with clauses **4.5.2** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 2

4.5.4 The auditor shall confirm that the uniform is readily distinguishable from a member of the civil protection services.

Non Compliance: Category 3

4.5.5 The auditor shall confirm that uniforms contain a unique identity number in accordance with clause **4.5.5** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 3

4.5.6 The auditor shall confirm that the organisation's insignia is clearly visible in accordance with clause **4.5.6** of PSA 39:2014

Non Compliance: Category 3

4.5.7 The organisation shall advise the auditor on its procedures for the renewal of uniforms.

Non Compliance: Category 3

4.5.8 The auditor shall confirm that the organisation complies with the requirements of clause **4.5.8** of PSA 39:2014..

Non Compliance: Category 2

4.5.9 The auditor shall review the organisations arrangements for recouping the cost of uniforms where an employee leaves the organisation.

Non Compliance: Category 3

4.5.10 The auditor will confirm where the uniform is supplied by the client that it is in accordance with clauses **4.5.4** and **4.5.5** of PSA 39:2014

Non Compliance: Category 3

4.6 Threats and Violence

4.6.1 The auditor shall inspect the risk mitigating measures contained in the organisation's site risk assessment survey. The organisation shall confirm if the risk mitigating measures have been implemented.

Where an organisation has multiple sites a sample across a range of site types should be selected.

Organisations may undertake their own risk assessments and safety statements provided they have the competence and expertise to do so.

Non Compliance: Category 1

4.6.2 The auditor shall confirm that where the risk mitigating measures include special training and safety routines these have taken place.

Non Compliance: Category 1

4.6.3 The auditor shall confirm that safety routines are continuously updated

where necessary and that employees are informed, trained and educated as required in clause **4.6.3** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 2

4.6.4 The organisation shall provide details of the additional supports that have been provided where a risk of recurring violence has been identified. The auditor shall confirm that a mechanism for calling assistance is in place.

Non Compliance: Category 2

4.6.5 The organisation shall provide evidence that two or more operatives have been assigned to tasks where a high risk of violence has been identified. The auditor shall inspect rosters to confirm that this requirement is being met.

Non Compliance: Category 2

4.6.6 The auditor shall inspect the organisation's records of incidents involving violence and confirm that the incidents have been notified to An Garda Síochána and the organisation has investigated such incidents. Where remedial action has been recommended the auditor shall confirm that such recommendations have been implemented.

Non Compliance: Category 2

4.6.7 The organisation shall provide details of support procedures in place for employees who have been subjected to violence in the course of carrying out their duties.

Non Compliance: Category 2

5. TRAINING

5.1 Training Policy and Responsibility

5.1.1 The auditor shall inspect the organisation's training policy document and verify that it has been authorised at senior management level within the organisation. The policy shall comply with the training requirements contained in clause **5.1.3** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

5.1.2 The organisation shall advise the auditor of the name of the person appointed as the training administrator. The name together with any relevant qualifications shall be recorded in the audit report.

Non Compliance: Category 3

5.2 Induction Training

5.2.1 The auditor shall inspect the content of the organisations induction session and confirm that it meets the requirements set out in clause **5.2.1** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 3

5.2.2 The auditor shall inspect employee records and confirm that employees received the induction training prior to commencing operational duties and have signed a declaration confirming same.

Note: Under TUPE arrangements induction training may be provided after commencing duties.

Non Compliance: Category 2

5.2.3 The auditor shall confirm that the training was provided by a competent member of staff.

Note: For the purposes of induction training a competent member of staff is a member of staff in a management or human resources role.

Non Compliance: Category 2

5.3 Venue Related Training/Briefing

5.3.1 The auditor shall confirm that facilities exist for familiarisation procedures and training of employees going to a first assignment or transferring between assignments.

The auditor shall confirm that the training was provided by a qualified trainer or experienced member of staff and that a record of the training is contained in the employees file.

Note: For the purposes of venue related training an experienced member of staff is a member of staff in a supervisory or management role who has been employed by the organisation for a minimum of 2 years or since the organisation commenced operations, whichever is the shorter.

Non Compliance: Category 2

5.3.2 The auditor shall confirm that venue specific training plans meeting the requirements of clause **5.3.2** of PSA 39:2014 are in place.

Non Compliance: Category 2

5.3.3 The auditor shall confirm that training was provided to employees in accordance with the requirements of the venue-specific training plans and delivered, recorded and retained in accordance with clause **5.3.4** of PSA 39:2014

Non Compliance: Category 2

5.3.5 The auditor shall confirm that for events at temporary locations the training requirements under clauses **5.2** and **5.3** of PSA 39:2014 have been met.

Non Compliance: Category 2

5.4 Basic Training

5.4.1 Clause 5.4.1 of PSA 39:2014 will come into effect with the introduction of employee licensing.

Non Compliance: Category 1

5.4.2 The auditor shall inspect the training records of Event Supervisors and confirm that the additional training specified in clause **5.4.2** of PSA 39:2014 has been received.

Non Compliance: Category 1

5.5 Trainers and Training

5.5.1 The auditor shall record in the audit report the name and qualifications held by the organisation's qualified trainer and confirm that the trainer falls within the definition contained in clause **2.26** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

5.5.2 The auditor shall confirm that all other persons providing training in accordance with clause **5.5.2** of PSA 39:2014 meet the requirements set out in these auditing guidelines.

Non Compliance: Category 2

5.6 Specialist Training

5.6.1 The auditor shall inspect the training records and confirm that employees required to carry out duties or use equipment of a specialist nature have been certified as having received this training.

Non Compliance: Category 2

5.6.2 The auditor shall confirm that any additional training required as a result of a risk assessment carried out under clause **6.1.** of PSA 39:2014 has been provided by a competent person.

Non Compliance: Category 2

5.6.3 Where applicable, the auditor shall inspect the first aid training records for employees and confirm the name and Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) qualification of the trainer.

Non Compliance: Category 3

5.7 Refresher Training

5.7.1 The auditor shall inspect the training records and confirm that refresher training is carried out and recorded in accordance with clause **5.7.1** of PSA 39:2014.

Note: The PSA has established a working group on training. It is expected that this group will, in due course, set out requirements for refresher training. The auditing guidelines will be updated to take account of these requirements.

Non Compliance: Category 2

5.8 Supervisory and Management Training

5.8.1 The auditor shall inspect the organisation's supervisory and management training records and confirm that they are in accordance with clause **5.8.1** of PSA 39:2014

Note: The PSA has established a working group on training. It is expected that this group will, in due course, set out requirements for supervisory and management training. The auditing guidelines will be updated to take account of these requirements.

Non Compliance: Category 2

5.9 Training Records

5.9.1 The auditor shall inspect the organisation's training records and confirm that they are maintained in accordance with clauses **5.9.1**, **5.9.2** and **5.9.4** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 2

6. OPERATIONS

6.1 Risk Assessments

6.1.1 If the risk assessment and Event Security Management Plan have been provided by the client this should be recorded in the audit report.

The auditor shall verify that the organisation has satisfied itself that the risk assessment and Event Security Management Plan submitted by the client meets the requirements **6.1** of PSA 39:2014.

The auditor shall audit the clients risk assessment and Event Security Management Plan against the requirements of **6.1** of PSA 39:2014 in so far as the risk assessment and Event Security Management Plan apply to the organisation.

Non Compliance: Category 1

6.1.2 The auditor shall inspect the organisation's risk assessment surveys and confirm that they have been undertaken for each venue and are in accordance with the risk assessment guidelines contained in **Annex B** of PSA 39:2014.

Auditors shall choose a random selection of surveys where the volume dictates. In selecting surveys, the auditor should in the first instance, check the surveys for those contracts which have been inspected under clause **3.5.2** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

6.1.3 The auditor shall confirm that the risk assessment has divided the venue into zones in accordance with clause **6.1.3** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

6.1.4 The auditor shall inspect the risk control plan and confirm that it has been incorporated into the Event Security Management Plan.

Non Compliance: Category 1

6.1.5 The auditor shall inspect the Event Security Management Plan and confirm that it has been drafted in accordance with clause **6.1.5** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

6.1.6 The auditor shall confirm that event supervisor employees have attended pre-event briefing sessions and that the requirements of clauses **6.1.6** and **6.1.7** of PSA 39:2014 have been met.

Non Compliance: Category 1

6.1.8 The auditor shall confirm that the requirements of clauses **6.1.8** and **6.1.9** of PSA 39:2014 in relation to the attendance register have been met.

Non Compliance: Category 2

6.2 Event Security Staffing Requirements

6.2.1 The auditor shall confirm that the number of event security staff on duty at an event has been determined in accordance with clause **6.2.1** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

6.2.2 The auditor shall confirm that the number of Door Supervisor (Event Security) personnel deployed at a venue is in accordance with **6.2.2** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

6.2.3 The auditor shall confirm that the organisation has deployed Event Supervisors in accordance with clause **6.2.3** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

6.2.4 The auditor shall confirm that the organisation has provided for a reserve of event security staff in accordance with clause **6.2.4** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 2

6.2.5 The auditor shall confirm that all event security staff in a venue have been briefed in accordance with clause **6.2.5** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

6.3 Command and Control System

6.3.1 The auditor shall confirm that the organisations command and control systems meet the requirements of clauses **6.3.1**, **6.3.2** and **6.3.3** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

6.4 Event Security Management Plan

6.4.1 The auditor shall confirm that the organisation has completed an Event Security Management Plan as part of its risk assessment process for each venue in accordance with clause **6.4.1** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

6.4.2 The auditor shall inspect the Event Security Management Plan and confirm that it meets the requirements set out in clause **6.4.2** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

6.4.3 The auditor shall confirm that the organisation has reviewed the Event Security Management Plan in accordance with clause **6.4.3** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

6.4.4 The auditor shall confirm that the organisation has produced an Event Security Management Plan for each temporary location in accordance with clause **6.4.4** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

6.4.5 The auditor shall confirm that copies of the Event Security Management Plan have been made available in accordance with clause **6.4.5** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 3

6.5 Event Controller

6.5.1 The auditor shall record the name and qualifications/experience of the organisations Event Security Manager(s).

Non Compliance: Category 2

6.5.2 Where the Event Security Manager acts as the Event Controller the auditor shall confirm that the organisation has complied with all the requirements relating to the Event Controller contained in PSA 39:2014 and these auditing guidelines.

Non Compliance: Category 1

6.5.3 The auditor shall record details of all occasions where the Event Controller has passed command of the Command and Control System to a member of the emergency service.

Details of all such occasions shall be notified by the auditor to the PSA within 14 days of the audit.

Non Compliance: Category 2

6.6 Command and Control System Training

6.6.1 The auditor shall confirm that all command and control staff have participated in practice drills as required by clause **6.6.1** of PSA 39:2014 and that the results of the drills have been documented and recorded.

Non Compliance: Category 2

6.7 Incident Reporting

6.7.1 The auditor shall inspect the organisation's Incident Report and confirm that it contains the details required under clause **6.7.1** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

6.7.2 The auditor shall confirm that organisation has facilities in place to meet the requirements of clause **6.7.2** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 2

6.7.3 The auditor shall confirm that organisation has an escalation policy for client liaison in place.

Non Compliance: Category 3

6.8 Operations Records

6.8.1 The auditor shall inspect the operations records and confirm that operational staff have been made aware, in writing, of the reporting structure in case of urgent and non urgent issues as required by clause **6.8.1** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 2

6.8.2 The auditor shall inspect the records of incident reports and confirm that the requirements of clause **6.8.2** and **6.8.3** of PSA 39:2014 are met.

Non Compliance: Category 2

6.8.4 The auditor shall inspect the record of check-in calls and confirm that they are in accordance with clause **6.8.4** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 3

6.8.5 The auditor shall confirm that facilities are in place for the checking and reviewing of reports and reporting procedures by the organisation's senior management. Such checks and reviews should take place on a quarterly basis.

Note: Where the number of events in a year is less than 5 then the review may take place on an annual basis.

Non Compliance: Category 3

6.8.6 The auditor shall confirm that records are maintained in accordance with the provisions of clause **6.8.6** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 3

6.9 Assignment Instructions

6.9.1 The auditor shall inspect a sample of the organisation's assignment instructions and confirm that they comply with the requirements of clause **6.9.1** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

6.9.2 The auditor shall confirm that the requirements of clause **6.9.2** of PSA 39:2014 for the endorsement of assignment instructions have been met.

Non Compliance: Category 2

6.9.3 The auditor shall confirm that assignment instructions are available in the Event Security Management Plan.

Non Compliance: Category 2

6.9.4 The auditor shall confirm that the assignment instructions meet the requirements of clause **6.9.4** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 2

6.10 Security of Information and Access Media

6.10.1 The auditor shall inspect the organisation's routines for staff dealing with confidential information and confirm that they meet the requirements of clause **6.10.1** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 2

6.10.2 The auditor shall inspect the back up records and confirm back up and storage is in accordance with clause **6.10.2** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 2

6.10.3 The auditor shall confirm that the organisation's procedures in respect of the holding and surrender of client keys are in accordance with clause **6.10.3** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 3

6.11 Vehicles and Drivers

6.11.1 The auditor shall inspect a sample of the organisation's vehicle(s) and confirm that they comply with the requirements of clause **6.11.1** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 3

6.11.2 The auditor shall confirm that vehicles carry a two-way communication capability, a dry powder fire extinguisher and a first aid kit.

Non Compliance: Category 2

6.11.3 The auditor shall request details of all staff involved in the driving of vehicles and inspect the employee's files to ensure that the requirements of clause **6.11.3** of PSA 39:2014 are met.

Non Compliance: Category 2

6.11.4 The auditor shall inspect driver's history forms and confirm that they have been verified by the organisation.

Non Compliance: Category 3

6.11.5 The auditor shall confirm that marked vehicles are readily distinguishable from those of the civil protection or emergency services.

Non Compliance: Category 3

6.11.6 The auditor shall inspect the organisation's procedures for providing drivers with clearly defined instructions in accordance with clause **6.11.6** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

6.12 General

6.12.1 The auditor shall inspect the maintenance and service documentation of the organisation's vehicles and equipment and confirm that maintenance and service is in accordance with manufactures recommendations.

Non Compliance: Category 3

6.12.2 The auditor shall inspect the organisation's procedures for the issue and return of equipment.

Non Compliance: Category 3

7. COMPLIANCE WITH PSA LICENSING

7.1 Compliance with Standards

7.1.1 The auditor shall record any instances of non-compliance with PSA 39:2014 which come to their attention in the audit report.

7.1.2 The auditor shall confirm that a period not exceeding 12 months has passed since the last audit. If a period exceeding 12 months has passed, the reasons for the extended period shall be recorded. Where the extended period was due to circumstances under the organisation's control, it shall be recorded as a non-compliance.

Non Compliance: Category 1

7.1.3 The auditor shall confirm that the organisation has provided the permissions required in clause **7.1.3** and **7.1.4** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 1

7.2 PSA Licensing Requirements

7.2.1 Not applicable to certification audits.

7.2.2 The auditor shall confirm that the organisation complies with the requirements of clause **7.2.2** of PSA 39:2014.

Non Compliance: Category 2

7.2.3 The organisation shall provide the auditor with a statement signed by a principal of the organisation confirming either:

- (a) that the requirements of clause **7.2.3** of PSA 39:2014 has not applied to them since their last audit.
- (b) that they have complied with the requirements of clause **7.2.3** of PSA 39:2014 and notified the PSA in a change in their circumstances. Details of the change should be set out in the statement.

The statement should be attached to the audit report.

Non Compliance: Category 2

Annex A - Sample PSA 39:2014 Audit Report

Name of Certification Body					
Address					
Phone No		Email Address			
Name of Auditor(s)				Date of Audit	

Name of Contractor					
Address On PSA Licence					
Address Visited For Audit (if different from address above)					
Phone No		Email Address			
Contact Person				PSA Licence No. (if applicable)	
Sectors For Which Certification Is Required				Date of last audit	
Number of Non- Conformances Recorded	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Date PSA notified audit completed	
Date Copy Of Audit Report requested by PSA				Date Copy Of Audit Report sent to PSA	

Auditing Guidelines	
Requirements	Report
2. General	
2.2 Audits	
<p>2.2.2 Where the PSA has requested that an audit focus on certain areas of organisations activities a brief report in addition to the specific PSA 39:2014 requirements shall be provided. This report may include the auditor's observations, organisations response to audit, etc.</p>	

PART 1 COMMON PROVISIONS					
Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
3. ORGANISATION					
3.1 Ownership					
3.1.1 Names and contact details of each person to be recorded:					
3.1.2 Names and contact details of all directors and company secretary to be recorded:					
Screening Requirements Met:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
3.1.3 Details of any Director who is an operational employee:					
3.1.4 Details of any bankrupt person:					
3.1.5 Details of any beneficial interest in another organisation:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
3.1.6 Name and PSA licence number of all supervisory and management staff who undertake licensable activities:					
3.1.7 Names and contact details of any person who is a beneficiary or who has a material interest in the organisation:					
3.1.8 Copy of organisation chart provided:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
3.2 Finance					
3.2.1 TCC inspected: TCC No: Issue Date: Valid Until:					
3.2.2 Details of any director or shareholder loans: Date of Loan: Amount of Loan: Who the Loan is From: Amount of repayments made: Date of repayments: Amount outstanding at date of audit:					
3.2.3 Cash Flow Statement inspected: Copy Provided:					
3.2.4 Statement on bank signatories provided:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
3.3 Insurance					
3.3.1 Details of insurance:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
3.4 Premises					
3.4.1 All records, etc stored in secure confidential manner:					
3.4.2 Details of intruder alarm:					
3.4.3 Details of Alarm Monitoring :					
3.5 Organisation Information					
3.5.1 PSA Licence Number(s) contained on letterheads, contracts, etc.: Details of any unlicensed activity:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
3.5.2 Written contracts inspected and required details included therein:					
3.5.3 Contracts signed and delivered to client as required:					
3.5.4. Details of sub-contractor(s) including PSA licence number and expiry date:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
3.6 Quotations for Contracts					
3.6.1 Written quotation comply with requirements:					
3.7 Compliance with Legislation:					
3.7.1 Statement on compliance with legislation provided: Meets all requirements of 3.7.1					
3.7.2 Statement on compliance with pay and conditions agreements/legislation: Verified compliance with 3.7.2					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
4. STAFFING					
4.1 Selection & Pre-Employment Screening					
4.1.1 General					
4.1.1.1 Pre employment records inspected: Required enquiries completed:					
4.1.1.2 Required screening undertaken:					
4.1.1.3 Required personnel files exist:					
4.1.1.4 Statements of Authorisation on files:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
<p>4.1.1.5 Employment offers only issued to individual with relevant PSA Licence and full screening complete:</p> <p>Where offers of employment have been made before screening has been completed were PSA requirements regarding same met.</p>					
<p>4.1.1.6 Certified copies of personnel and screening documentation on file:</p>					
<p>4.1.1.7 Screening records for part-time employees and directors inspected:</p> <p>Screening completed:</p>					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
4.1.1.8 Screening records for temporary & ancillary staff inspected: Screening completed:					
4.1.1.9 Screening periods complied with:					
4.1.1.10 Age requirements complied with: Fitness for duty certificate(s) provided: This requirement has been suspended Number of staff aged over 65:					
4.1.1.11 Event Supervisors are competent to carry out role.					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
4.1.1.13 Screening for shorter periods carried out in accordance with PSA requirements:					
4.1.1.14 Permissions records provided in accordance with PSA requirements:					
4.1.1.15 References have been examined in relation to gaps in screening in accordance with PSA requirements:					
4.1.2 Pre-Employment Interview					
4.1.2.1 Pre interview documents provided:					
4.1.2.2 Interview conducted to PSA requirements:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
4.1.2.3 Interview notes recorded in line with PSA requirements and retained on personnel files:					
4.1.3 Character and other references					
4.1.3.1 Screening procedures complied with:					
4.1.3.2 Procedures for references by phone followed:					
4.1.3.3 Requirements on third party documents met:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
4.1.3.4 Completed questionnaire on medical history/general health on file:					
4.1.4 Evidence of Qualifications					
4.1.4.1 Evidence of qualifications/awards received: PSA Licence details provided prior to employment:					
4.1.5 Work Permits, Authorisations, etc					
4.1.5.1 All permissions in place prior to employment commencing:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
4.1.5.2 Register of employees in place and documented reviews carried out in line with PSA requirements:					
4.1.6 Maintenance and Retention of Records					
4.1.6.1 All PSA required employee details held on file:					
4.1.6.2 Storage of Records secure: Records retained in accordance with Data Protection Commissioner:					
4.1.6.3 List of personnel maintained:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
4.1.7 Screening and Acquired Companies					
4.1.7.1 Screening requirements for employees met:					
4.2 Terms of Employment					
4.2.1 Contract of employment and staff handbook issued to staff:					
4.2.2 Terms of employment inspected and meet PSA requirements:					
4.3 Code of Conduct					
4.3.1 Code of conduct meets PSA requirements:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
4.3.2 Code of conduct signed by employees:					
4.4 Identification					
4.4.1 Identity badge conforms to PSA requirements:					
4.4.2 Instructions on requirements for wearing Identity Badge given to employees:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
4.5 Uniform					
4.5.1 Uniform complies with PSA requirements:					
4.5.2 where organisation's uniform is not worn at request of client, evidence in writing of this request examined:					
4.5.3 Uniform Colouring and lettering meet PSA requirements::					
4.5.4 Uniform distinguishable form that of a member of the civil protection services:					
4.5.5 Each uniform contains a unique identity number					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
4.5.6 Uniform displays the insignia of organisation and is clearly visible					
4.5.7 Organisation to advise auditor on the renewal of uniforms:					
4.5.8 Not currently implemented					
4.5.9 Not currently implemented					
4.5.10 Where uniform supplied by client, it is in accordance with clauses 4.5.4 and 4.5.5 of PSA 39:2014					
4.6 Threats & Violence					
4.6.1 Risks of violence assessed: Mitigating measures implemented:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
4.6.2 Special training and safety routines in place where required:					
4.6.3 Safety routines updated and brought to employees attention:					
4.6.4 Additional supports provided to employees where risk of recurring violence identified:					
4.6.5 Evidence provided that 2 or more operatives complete task involving high risk of violence:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
4.6.6 Incidents involving violence recorded and investigated and notified to An Garda Siochana: Recommendations implemented:					
4.6.7 Support procedures in place:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
5. TRAINING					
5.1 Training Policy & Responsibility					
5.1.1 Training Policy document inspected and PSA requirements met:					
5.1.2 Details of Training Administrator: Qualifications:					
5.1.3 Assessment of staff included in training policy: Additional training provided:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
5.2 Induction Training					
<p>5.2.1 Induction Training content meets PSA requirements:</p> <p>Induction Training provided prior to commencing operational duties:</p> <p>Training provided by competent member of staff:</p> <p>Training acknowledged by employee, recorded and record retained:</p>					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
5.3 Venue Related Training					
5.3.1 Familiarisation procedures and training provided : Training provided by suitable person:					
5.3.2 Venue specific training plans in place and PSA requirements met:					
5.3.3 Training provided in accordance with site venue specific training plans and delivered by a competent member of staff in accordance with 5.3.4 of PSA Requirements:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
5.4 Basic Training					
5.4.1 Not yet implemented					
5.4.2 Event Supervisor training provided and meets requirements of PSA 39:2014:					
5.5 Trainers & Training					
5.5.1 Training delivered in accordance with PSA requirements:					
5.5.2 Organisation has verified competency and qualifications of trainers:					
5.6 Specialist Training					
5.6.1 Specialist training provided in line with PSA requirements:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
5.6.2 Additional training as required under Risk Assessment provided:					
5.6.3 First Aid Training records inspected and training provided by QQI registered/qualified trainer confirmed:					
5.7 Refresher Training					
5.7.1 Refresher training provided in accordance with training policy and PSA requirements:					
5.8 Supervisory & Management Training					
5.8.1 Supervisory & Management training records inspected: Training meets PSA requirements:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
5.9 Training Records					
5.9.1 Training records inspected & maintained:					
5.9.2 Training records meet PSA requirements:					
5.9.4 All Refresher training recorded:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
6.1.5 Event Security Management plan examined and drafted in accordance with PSA requirements:					
6.1.6 Event Supervisors attended pre-event briefing sessions: 6.1.7 Event Supervisors received site plan and written instructions: 6.1.8 Attendance register completed:					
6.1.9 Copy of Register attached to the Event Security Management Plan:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
6.2 Event Security Staffing Requirements					
6.2.1 Number of Event Security Staff determined in consultation with Local Authority and An Garda Siochana:					
6.2.2 Event Security Plan inspected and number of personnel deployed meets PSA requirements:					
6.2.3 Event Supervisor assigned to each zone:					
6.2.4 Adequate reserve of staff provided:					
6.2.5 Event Supervisor has briefed staff in their zone:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
6.3 Command and Control system					
6.3.1 Command & Control facilities meet PSA requirements:					
6.3.2 PSA requirements for events licensed by the Local Authority met:					
6.3.3 PSA requirements for events not licensed by the Local Authority met:					
6.4 Event Security Management Plan					
6.4. Event Security Management Plan produced:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
6.4.2 Event Security Management Plan meets PSA requirements:					
6.4.3 Event Security Management Plan reviewed as required:					
6.4.4 Event Security Management Plan produced for temporary locations:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
6.5 Event Controller					
6.5.1 Record details of the organisations Event Security Manager(s): 6.5.2 Requirements relating to Event Controllers met: 6.5.3 Details of occasions where control passed to emergency services					
6.6 Command & Control System Training					
6.6.1 Command & control systems training requirements met :					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
6.7 Incident Reporting					
6.7.1 Incident Report Log inspected: Details recorded in accordance with PSA Requirements:					
6.7.2 Facilities in place to meet PSA requirements: 6.7.3 Escalation policy requirements met:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
6.8 Operations Records					
6.8.1 Operation records inspected: Employees advised, in writing, of reporting structure for urgent/non urgent issues:					
6.8.2 Incident reports recorded in accordance with clauses 6.8.2 & 6.8.3 of PSA 39:2014:					
6.8.3 Check in call records inspected and are in accordance with clause 6.8.4 of PSA 39:2014					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
6.8.5 Procedures for checking and reviewing of incident reports and reporting procedures by senior management in place:					
6.8.6 Records maintained in accordance with PSA requirements:					
6.9 Assignment Instructions					
6.9.1 Assignment Instructions inspected: Meet PSA requirements:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
6.9.2 Requirements for endorsement met:					
6.9.3 Assignment instructions available in the Event Security Management Plan:					
6.9.4 Assignment instructions meet PSA requirements:					
6.10 Security of Information and Access Media					
6.10.1 Routines established to deal securely with information					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
6.10.2 Back-up & Storage procedures in place: Meet PSA Requirements:					
6.10.3 Procedures for the holding and surrender of keys meet PSA Requirements:					
6.11 Vehicle & Drivers					
6.11.1 Vehicles liveried in accordance with PSA Requirements:					
6.11.2 Vehicles contain two way communication capability: Fire extinguisher: First aid kit:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
6.11.3 Driving licences valid: Copies held on employees files:					
6.11.4 Driver History forms maintained and verified in line with PSA requirements:					
6.11.5 Vehicle distinguishable from civil protection and emergency vehicles:					
6.11.6 Organisations procedures for providing drivers with clearly defined instructions inspected and in accordance with clause 6.11.6 of PSA 39:2014					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
6.12 General					
6.12.1 Vehicles and equipment serviced and maintained: Records inspected:					
6.12.2 Equipment signed for: Undertaken to return equipment:					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
7. COMPLIANCE WITH PSA LICENSING					
7.1 Compliance with Standards					
<p>7.1.1 Has organisation maintained compliance with standard:</p> <p>Instances of non-compliance not recorded elsewhere in audit report:</p> <p>Any other matter to be brought to the attention of the PSA:</p>					
Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
<p>7.1.2 Duration since last audit:</p> <p>If greater than 12 months reasons for same:</p>					

Requirements	Audit Outcome	Corrective Action Required	Timeframe for Corrective Action	Corrective Action Completed	Date Verified and Means of Verification
7.1.3 Has organisation provided all required permissions:					
7.2 PSA Licensing Requirements					
7.2.1 Not applicable					
7.2.2 Compliant with all relevant legislation :					
7.2.3 Statement on notifying the PSA of certain matters provided: Copy attached to audit report:					

Annex B – Ongoing Screening & Training records

Company: _____

Address: _____

PSA Licence No. _____ Certification Body _____

Screening Records previously checked

Name	PPSN	Licence Number	Position in Organisation	Compliant Y/N

Training Records previously checked

Name	PPSN	Licence Number	Position in Organisation	Compliant Y/N

Auditor: _____

Date: _____

Auditor Signature: _____

Annex C – Declaration by Director

Company: _____

Address: _____

PSA Licence No. _____ Certification Body _____

I _____ act for _____
(Insert Name) (Organisation)

In the capacity of _____
(Accountant/Solicitor)

I wish to confirm that the following Directors/Secretary has been with the organisation for a period of 5 years or more:

Name	Address	PPSN	Date of Birth

Accountant/Solicitor Signature: _____

Accountant/Solicitor Name: _____
(Block Capitals)

Date: _____

Annex D - Declaration of Compliance with Legislation

To be completed not more than 2 weeks prior to annual PSA 39:2014 Audit

Company: _____

Address: _____

Registration No.: _____ PSA License No.: _____

I/We confirm our intention to be in full compliance with all legislation including but not limited to the legislation indicated below

Health, Safety and Welfare at Work Act(s)	Compliant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organisation of Working Time Act(s)	Compliant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private Security Services Acts	Compliant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Data Protection Acts	Compliant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taxation and Social Welfare Acts	Compliant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Payment of Wages Act	Compliant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Development Acts	Compliant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Licensing of Indoor Event Acts	Compliant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Code of Practice for Safety at Indoor Concerts	Compliant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Code of Practice for Safety at Outdoor Concerts	Compliant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Code of Practice for Safety at Sports Grounds	Compliant	<input type="checkbox"/>

I/We confirm that we are in full compliance with all current legally enforceable agreements and/or legislation in respect of rates of pay and all associated conditions

Authorised Signatory _____ Date: _____

Annex E - Checklist for Personnel Files

The following items have been inspected in relation to staffing and meet the requirements of PSA 39:

(please tick)

1. Pre-employment records (Clause 4.1.2.1) ☐
2. Personnel file exists for all relevant staff including part time employees and directors (Clauses 4.1.1.3, 4.1.1.7 & 4.1.1.8) ☐
3. Screening has been completed (Clause 4.1.1.2) ☐
4. Statement of Authorisation exists (Clause 4.1.1.4) ☐
5. Certified copies of screening document on file (Clause 4.1.1.6) ☐
6. Screening periods compliant with Standard (Clause 4.1.1.9) ☐
7. Confirm age of personnel and where applicable fitness for duty certificate (Clause 4.1.1.10) The requirement to provide a fitness for duty certificate has been suspended ☐
8. Screening completed within time frame (Clause 4.1.1.12) ☐
9. Screening for a shorter period, where applicable, is compliant with Standard (Clause 4.1.1.13) ☐
10. Permissions/work permits/authorisations, where applicable, on file (Clauses 4.1.1.14, 4.1.5) ☐
11. Gaps on screening record addressed (Clause 4.1.1.15) ☐
12. Interview notes on file (Clause 4.1.2.3) ☐
13. References, where applicable, are on file (Clause 4.1.1.15, 4.1.3.1 & 4.1.3.2) ☐
14. Third party documents on file (Clause 4.1.3.3) ☐
15. Questionnaire on medical history on file (Clause 4.1.3.4) ☐
16. Evidence of qualification or copy of licence on file (Clause 4.1.4.1) ☐
17. Records maintained (Clause 4.1.6.1) ☐
18. Screening and Acquired Companies (Clause 4.1.7.1) ☐
19. Contract & Terms of Employment (Clause 4.2.1, 4.2.2) ☐
20. Code of conduct signed and on file (Clause 4.3.2) ☐
21. Individual Training records held (Clause 5.9.2) ☐

Auditor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Annex F – Information Note on PSA 39:2014 (Clause 4.1.6.2) and Data Protection

Clause 4.1.6.2 of PSA 39:2014 requires employers to keep employee records safe from unauthorised access or accidental loss. All employers are data controllers within the meaning of the Data Protection Acts and have an obligation to ensure the security of their employees personal data.

Section 2(1)d of the Data Protection Act states:

"appropriate security measures shall be taken against unauthorised access to, or unauthorised alteration, disclosure or destruction of, the data, in particular where the processing involves the transmission of data over a network, and against all other unlawful forms of processing"

In determining what security measures should be put in place in order to satisfy the requirements of section 2(1)(d) a number of factors may be taken into consideration;

- The state of technological development - Measures must be reviewed over time.
- The cost of implementing the measures. - Larger organisations with greater resources can be expected to implement more advanced measures, or update measures more regularly, than smaller bodies.
- The harm that might result from unlawful processing. - Might someone be at a financial loss or be at risk of suffering injury as a result of disclosure or destruction of data?
- The nature of the data concerned. - There is a greater duty of care relating to the processing of sensitive personal data.

The Data Protection Commissioner recommends that data controllers implement the following measures:

- access to data is restricted to authorised staff only,
- staff are aware of the security measures in place for the protection of data,
- procedures are in place to ensure that staff comply with the security measures,
- printouts are disposed of properly,
- that all third part access to data should be covered by written contract stipulating the conditions applying to the use, retention and destruction of data.

Under section 4 of the Data Protection Acts, a (former) employee can make an access request for their personal data and furthermore under section 6 can seek a rectification of the documentation held, if there are any inaccuracies in the information.

Further information is available from the website of the Data Protection Commissioner, www.dataprotection.ie.

Annex G - Form 5b – Private and confidential Department of Social Protection claim history

I hereby request from the Department of Social Protection details of my Social Welfare Claim record, i.e. type and duration. This information is required by me to comply with screening requirements set out in PSA 28:2013 and PSA 33:2014 as prescribed by Regulations (S.I. 190 of 2014), PSA 39:2014 as prescribed by Regulations (S.I. 302 of 2014) and Irish Standards IS 998:2006 as prescribed by Regulations (S.I. 857 of 2007) and SR 40:2005 as prescribed by Regulations (S.I. 144 of 2012) These standards and regulations are specified by the Private Security Authority.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name (BLOCK LETTERS): _____

Full Name: _____

Address at time of benefit: _____

Claim history (last 5 years)

	Type Of Claim	Date From	Date To
1			
2			
3			

Department of Social
Protection Stamp

Pre – Audit Checklist Template

Company: _____

Address: _____

PSA Licence No. _____ Certification Body _____

I _____ of _____ hereby
(Insert Name) (Organisation)

confirm that there have been no changes to the following clauses of PSA 39:2014 in so far as they
affect _____ since _____
(Organisation) (Date)

ORGANISATION/FINANCE

(Please ✓)

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Clause 3.1.1 – Ownership and Management of Organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Clause 3.1.2 – Details of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Clause 3.1.4 – Details of any bankruptcy of directors or principals | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Clause 3.1.5 – Beneficial interest in other organisations | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Clause 3.1.7 – Beneficiary of the organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Clause 3.1.8 – Organisation Chart attached | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Clause 3.2.3 – Current Tax Clearance Certificate attached | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Signature

Date

Position in Organisation