



An tÚdarás Slándála Príobháidí
The Private Security Authority

PSA Newsletter October 2025

Welcome to our October Newsletter.

New Standard for Powered Gates from 31 October

Contractors currently installing powered gates are required to hold a PSA Access Control licence and meet the requirements of [PSA 74:2019](#).

With effect from **31 October 2025**, any **new contractor** to the sector making a first time application to the PSA will be required to meet the requirements of [PSA 74:2019](#) and of a new standard, [PSA 80:2025](#).

In addition, with effect from 31 October 2025, any **existing contractor** will also have to meet the requirements of PSA 80:2025 on **renewal of their licence**.

Please contact standards@psa-gov.ie if further clarification is required.

Ask for Angela



"Ask for Angela" is a code phrase used by members of the public to discreetly seek help in venues when feeling unsafe or vulnerable. The aim of this initiative is to focus on supporting people who feel unsafe, intimidated or threatened in a social setting, while on a night out. Anyone who finds themselves in this situation is encouraged to approach the staff at the premises to ask "Is Angela in?". This signals to the staff that the person needs assistance to leave the situation safe. They may offer a member of the public to reunite with a friend, call a taxi, or help leave the venue discreetly. Security staff and contractors are encouraged to offer support like providing a safe space, calling security, or contacting the Gardaí if needed. Further information can be found [here](#).

Licensing Statistics at end of August 2025

	End of 2024	End of Aug 2025
Employee Applications Received	15,884	12,820
Contractor Applications Received	659	614
Total Employee Licences	41,679	42,851
Total Contractor Licences	1,389	1,379
Employee Licences Revoked	35	112
Contractor Licences Revoked	7	6

Processing of renewals for licence applications

As a consequence of the large number of applications being received, it can currently take up to six weeks for the PSA to process new licence applications. The Private Security Authority needs to check for criminal records, make sure that training documents are valid and conduct other necessary checks. These checks take time. Applicants will receive a decision on their licence when they are complete and should allow at least six weeks before contacting the PSA to enquire about the status of their application.

To allow you to continue working legally in the licensed sectors, you should renew your licence before it expires using our renewals website [PSA Renewals](#). This ensures your new application will be processed before your current licence expires.

Garda Vetting – Children and Vulnerable Persons



If you provide a security service at a hospital, residential service, leisure or sporting centre, school or childcare service you should clarify with your client if vetting in accordance with the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012 is required.

If required, your client should arrange for the vetting to be completed. The PSA does not vet people for compliance with the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012. Any queries on the matter should be addressed to the provider of the types of work/activities listed in the Act. The information note [PSA 56](#) has more details.

How to replace your PSA ID Card

A photo and licence number must be visible and legible on your PSA ID card at all times. This is required by law and allows identification by members of the public, An Garda Síochána or a PSA Inspector. If this information is not visible or legible on your PSA ID card then it should be replaced.

Replacement documents will be issued by the PSA if your licence or ID card is lost, stolen or damaged. The fee is €20 and the replacement licence or ID card should be applied for using form [PSA D1/2011](#) which should be completed by the licence holder. Further information can be found on the [PSA website](#).

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