



Prosecution News

On 3 February 2026 Mr Vladimir Gavlas appeared before Judge Daly in Letterkenny District Court and **pleaded guilty to 13 breaches** of the Private Security Services Acts.

This followed an investigation by the Private Security Authority into security guarding services in Donegal. Mr Gavlas had been found **providing security guarding services without holding a license** to provide such services, on dates from **May 2024 to May 2025**, contrary to section 37 of the Private Security Services Acts 2004 to 2021.

Judge Daly fined the defendant **€1,500** on the first count and took the remaining breaches into consideration with costs of **€4,500** also awarded against Mr. Galvas.

2025 Licensing Statistics

2025 licensing statistics show continued growth across the private security industry in 2025 with an increase in both employee and contractor applications. Overall, license numbers remain strong across all sectors, with security guarding continuing to represent the largest proportion of licensed employees. These figures highlight the ongoing demand for licensed professionals and the importance of maintaining compliance with PSA licensing requirements.

Employee & contractor Licensing	2024	2025
Employee Applications Received	15,884	17,940
Contractor Applications Received	659	858
Employee Licences in force	50,636	52,977
Contractor Licences in force	1,651	1,643
Employee Licences Revoked	35	243
Contractor Licences Revoked	7	6

Employee Licensing - By Sector	2024	2025
Cash In Transit	999	863
Door Supervisor	12,895	12,733
Enforcement Guard	0	19
Private Investigator	254	267
Security Guard (Guarding)	35,583	38,018
Security Guard (Monitoring Centre)	905	1,037
TOTAL (excluding temporary licence)	50,636	52,977

Business Licensing - By Sector	2024	2025
Cash In Transit	4	4
Door Supervisor (Event Security)	37	37
Door Supervisor (Licensed Premises)	43	43
Enforcement Guard	4	4
Electronic Security Sector	972	970
Locksmith	203	196
Private Investigator	87	83
Security Guard (Alarm Monitoring)	37	38
Security Guard (CCTV Monitoring)	34	35
Security Guard (Event Security)	47	49
Security Guard (Static)	183	184
TOTAL	1,651	1,643

Enforcement Update

The role of Enforcement is to monitor compliance by the security industry, investigate any breach of compliance and issue the appropriate sanction up to and including prosecution in the courts. This role is undertaken by a network of Regional Inspectors located throughout the country, who ensure that compliance with our licensing legislation is enforced.

In 2025, we undertook **177 contractor inspections**, visited **2,237 premises** and carried out **270** unannounced compliance **inspections** on licensed premises. There was **1 successful prosecution** during the year.

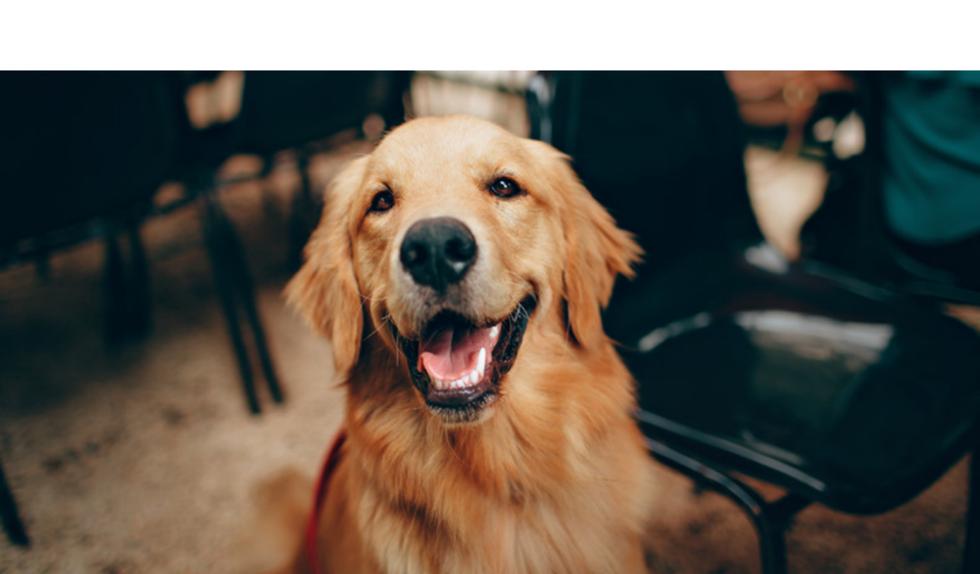
In 2025, we **suspended 12** licences and revoked **249** individual licences. Details of all suspended and revoked licenses are published on the [Sanctions](#) section of the PSA website.



PSA Meets UK Security Industry Authority (SIA)

On 4 February, the PSA senior management team met with our UK counterparts from the **Security Industry Authority (SIA)**.

The meeting focused on sharing experiences, discussing current challenges, and comparing how both regulators operate. These discussions support ongoing improvement in how the PSA regulates the private security industry and help strengthen relationships between regulators.



Guide Dogs and Assistance Dogs

When providing security at shops, cafes, bars or restaurants or other public venues, license holders should be aware of the needs of people who use guide dogs or assistance dogs.

Discriminating against a person with a disability, including those accompanied by assistance dogs, may constitute an offence under the Equal Status Acts.

For more information, please visit:

[Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission](#)

[Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind](#)