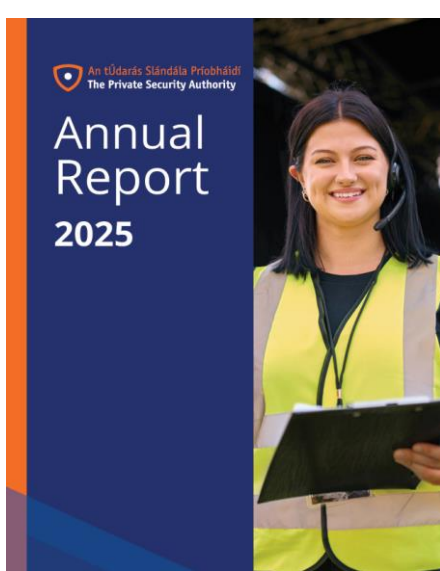




Publication of the PSA Annual Report and Financial Statements

On 11 August, the Private Security Authority (PSA) published its Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 2025. The report highlighted a year of **record compliance and enforcement activity** as the Authority marks 20 years of regulating Ireland's private security industry.

The report detailed how in 2025, the PSA conducted the highest number of unannounced inspections of licensed business premises in its history, alongside record levels of contractor inspections, enforcement cases, and licence revocations, demonstrating its commitment to protecting the public and maintaining confidence in the industry. Further information on the report can be found [here](#). The PSA Financial Statements for 2025 can be found [here](#).

Extended Processing Times

The PSA is currently experiencing longer than usual processing times for some licence applications due to delays in vetting at the National Vetting Bureau (part of An Garda Síochána).

Processing times may vary depending on application volumes and the time required to complete all necessary validation and assessment checks. The PSA needs to check for criminal records, make sure that training documents are valid and conduct other necessary checks. **It currently takes about ten weeks to process a new application for a licence.** These checks take time. You will receive a decision on your licence when they are complete.

Applicants are encouraged to ensure that all required documentation is submitted with their application or renewal, as incomplete or incorrect information may result in additional processing time. The Authority appreciates applicants' patience and understanding. Applications are processed as efficiently as possible.

Because of the delays described above, **you should allow at least eight weeks before contacting us** to enquire about the status of your application.

Training Results Forms

The PSA is committed to maintaining the highest standards in the private security industry and takes the integrity of the licensing system very seriously. We would like to remind all applicants of **the importance of submitting valid Training Results Forms (TRFs)** as part of the licensing application process. Further information on Training Forms can be found [here](#).

The PSA carries out checks on every TRF to ensure each applicant for a licence has completed the required training. Failure to submit a valid TRF will result in your application being rejected. **Where we discover a forged document, it will be referred to An Garda Síochána for investigation and possible prosecution.**

Identity Badge Requirements (Employees)

All licensed individuals are obliged by law to wear an identity badge at all times while providing a security service. Failure to wear a badge may result in you being prosecuted and facing a fine. The identity badge must be clearly visible at all times and displayed on the upper torso (above the stomach and below the neck). **The following is not acceptable:**

- Hanging the badge from a belt around the waist
- Clipping the badge behind a neck tie
- Placing the badge in a shirt pocket or jacket pocket
- Placing the badge under a jumper or jacket

Where a member of the public expresses a wish to make a mental or written note of the licence number, the wearer will afford the requestor sufficient time to make such a note, without surrendering or handing over the licence card to the requestor. The use of a camera-phone to record licence details shall not be permitted.

Further details can be found [here](#).



Enforcement Update

During the period 1 January to 30 June 2026, the PSA **visited 917 premises** to inspect compliance rates with ID Badge requirements. **2,293 security staff were interviewed with** 99% of those encountered in compliance with ID Badge requirements.

The PSA has **revoked 156 licences** to date in 2026, **suspended a further 14 licences**, and taken a successful prosecution against an individual ([click here for further information](#)) found providing Security Guard services without holding the required PSA licence.

Help us by reporting illegal activity in the security industry by reporting your concerns [here](#) or by email to enforcement@psa.gov.ie. We publish details of all revoked and suspended licences on our website in real time. You can find details on all Contractor and Employee suspensions and revocations since 1 January 2023 located [here](#) under the Sanctions heading on our website.