



PSA Newsletter February 2025

Welcome to our February Newsletter.

PSA Research – Barriers to working in the industry

In line with Goal 4 of our Strategic Plan, Amárach Research have been commissioned by the PSA to carry out research to identify the barriers to working in the security industry. Amárach are looking to speak with people about their experiences in the industry. The link below will bring you to a short survey where Amárach Research will ask you a few questions to see if you qualify for a focus group that is being carried out online. Should you qualify, you may be contacted to participate. Amárach also wants to speak with people who are no longer working in the industry, so please share this link with anyone you know who previously worked in the industry.

[Start Survey](#)

Licensing Statistics 2024

Employee & Contractor Licensing	2023	2024
Employee Applications Received	15,741	15,884
Contractor Applications Received	838	659
Employee Licences in force	43,849	50,636
Contractor Licences in force	1,662	1,651
Employee Licences Revoked	19	35
Contractor Licences Revoked	10	7

Employee Licensing - By Sector	2023	2024
Cash In Transit	988	999
Door Supervisor	11,588	12,895
Private Investigator	202	254
Security Guard (Guarding)	30,081	35,583
Security Guard (Monitoring Centre)	990	905
TOTAL	43,849	50,636

Business Licensing - By Sector	2023	2024
Cash In Transit	4	4
Door Supervisor (Event Security)	34	37
Door Supervisor (Licensed Premises)	43	43
Enforcement Guard	4	4
Electronic Security Sector	988	972
Locksmith	206	203
Private Investigator	92	87
Security Guard (Alarm Monitoring)	36	37
Security Guard (CCTV Monitoring)	33	34
Security Guard (Event Security)	44	47
Security Guard (Static)	178	183
TOTAL	1,662	1,651

Enforcement Update

In 2024 the PSA commenced 805 enforcement cases to ensure compliance with the licensing regulations. We undertook 144 contractor inspections, carried out 231 unannounced compliance inspections on licensed premises, and investigated 217 buyers of security cases. We had 4 successful prosecutions.

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 webpage on our website www.psa.gov.ie/sanctions

Employment Letters

PSA licensed contractors may request an employment letter from the PSA for employees who have lodged an application but not yet been issued with a licence. Employment letters are currently valid for a maximum of 60 days, but this duration may vary depending on our processing times. Requests for employment letters should quote the name of the applicant and their PSA application number and be sent by email to licensing@psa.gov.ie. The employee should not commence licensable activity until they receive an employment letter.

It is an offence under Section 37 of the Private Security Services Acts to provide a security service without a licence. Contractors using unlicensed personnel may have their licence suspended or revoked.

Guide Dogs and Assistance Dogs

When providing security at shops, cafes, bars or restaurants please take account of the needs of people with guide dogs or assistance dogs. Remember that discriminating against people with disabilities is an offence under the Equal Status Acts. For further information visit the following websites;

[Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission](#)

[Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind](#)

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