



# The Private Security Authority

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## LICENSING BECOMES MANDATORY FOR INSTALLERS OF INTRUDER ALARMS AND ALARM RECEIVING CENTRES FROM 1 AUGUST 2006

From 1<sup>st</sup> August 2006, licenses will be compulsory for Alarm Installation contractors and unlicensed contractors will be committing an offence by installing, servicing or maintaining intruder alarms after 1<sup>st</sup> August 2006.

Contractors are required to comply with the EN 50131:1997 standard for intruder alarm installers. Compliance with best practice in company formation, recruitment and training of staff will be a key component of PSA licensing. Those elements are detailed in SR 40:2005 *Electronic Security Services: Intruder Alarm, Access Control and CCTV Systems*. The issue of a licence will be conditional on the applicant's commitment to achieving adherence to SR40:2005. The PSA is yet to finalise a deadline date for compliance with SR40:2005 as it is currently consulting with industry in relation to training requirements for licensing, which will be introduced in time and are a key element of SR40:2005.

In addition, the PSA intends to licence the Access Control and CCTV sectors of the industry. To that end, the Authority is working with industry in developing auditing guidelines to be used in interpreting SR 40:2005 for those sectors. Once these guidelines are finalised, the PSA will announce licensing dates for those sectors.

Your attention is drawn to the attached checklist which lists issues to be addressed by contractors in advance of applying for an intruder alarm installers licence.

Further information can be obtained from **The Private Security Authority**, Tipperary Technology Park, Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary.

Yours sincerely,

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## 1. CHECKLIST

Can I answer Yes to the following questions?

| Question   | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| I have applied to be audited for the relevant standard required for PSA licensing and I will have attained the relevant standard by 1st August 2006 (list of Certification Bodies in Section 2 below)  |     |    |
| I am in possession of a valid a tax clearance certificate  |     |    |
| I have applied to the Revenue Commissioners for a tax clearance certificate  |     |    |
| The PSA has yet to set a date for compliance with the relevant standard recommendations (SRs) – see Section 3 below. However, in anticipation of these requirements, my company's ten year screening process in relation to staff recruitment is/will be in place. |     |    |

## 2. CERTIFICATION BODIES WHO MAY AUDIT FOR STANDARDS:

- **National Standards Authority of Ireland**, Glasnevin, Dublin 9  
Telephone: 01-8073800
- **EQA Ireland Ltd.**, 15 Greenmount House, Greenmount Office Park, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W  
Telephone: 01-4734188
- **SSAIB**, 131 Bedford Street, North Shields, Tyne and Weir, AE29 6LA  
Telephone: 0044 1912 963242
- **Management Systems Certification Ltd.**, Bayview House, 49, Nth Strand Rd., Dublin, 3  
Telephone: 01-8364836.
- **Insight Certification Limited**, trading as National Security Inspectorate and Ensign Services, Sentinel House, 5 Reform Road, Mainenhead, SL6 8BY.  
Telephone 0044 1628 764863.

## 3. STANDARDS AND STANDARD AUDITING

Applicants for private security service contractor licences must produce evidence of having attained relevant operational standards for the security service(s) in which they are applying to operate. These standards are as follows:

| Security Service                           | Standard Required  |
|--|--|
| Installer (intruder alarm) licence         | Applications received before 01/08/06 – EN50131:1997 <sup>1</sup><br>Applications received on or after 01/08/06 – EN50131:1997 and Standard Recommendation SR40:2005 |
| Security Guard (monitoring centre) licence | Applications received before 01/08/06 – I.S.2281 <sup>1</sup><br>Applications received on or after 01/08/06 – I.S.228 and Standard Recommendation SR41:2005          |

## 4. LICENCE FEES

The two year licence fee is chargeable on the annual turnover per sector, on the following basis:

| Turnover       | Licence Fee | Administration Fee | Total   |
|----------------|-------------|--------------------|---------|
| < €625,000     | €1,250      | €1,000             | €2,250  |
| < €1,250,000   | €2,500      | €1,000             | €3,500  |
| < €3,750,000   | €5,000      | €1,000             | €6,000  |
| < €10,000,000  | €9,000      | €1,000             | €10,000 |
| >= €10,000,000 | €19,000     | €1,000             | €20,000 |

<sup>1</sup> With a commitment to achieve the relevant Standard Recommendation (SR) by a date to be set by the PSA.