



An tÚdarás Slándála Príobháidí  
The Private Security Authority

**27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**

## **LICENSING OF CCTV AND ACCESS CONTROL CONTRACTORS BY PSA COMMENCES**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012, contractors installing or maintaining CCTV systems and Access Control systems will require a licence from the Private Security Authority (PSA).

The extension of licensing to CCTV and Access Control is a major milestone for the PSA and marks the completion of licensing for contractors in the electronic security sector. The licensing of these new sectors has been in development for several years and has involved consultation with all the industry stakeholders.

In order to obtain a licence from the PSA, a contractor must prove compliance with national and European standards, be tax compliant and undergo criminal record checking. A licence granted by the PSA is valid for two years and a register of licence holders is available on the PSA website – [www.psa.gov.ie](http://www.psa.gov.ie)

It will now be an offence under the Private Security Services Acts to install, maintain, service or repair a CCTV system or Access Control system without a licence. Penalties range from fines of up to €3,000 and/or imprisonment of up to 12 months

Similarly, any person employing an unlicensed CCTV or Access Control contractor will also be breaking the law and subject to prosecution. A person includes householders and businesses.

The PSA is the statutory body responsible for the licensing and regulation of the private security industry in Ireland. The PSA already licences contractors who provide the following services;

- Intruder Alarm Installation and Maintenance
- Security Guarding
- Door Supervision
- Cash In Transit
- Intruder Alarm Monitoring

Employees providing Security Guarding and Door Supervision services are also required to be licensed. There are currently in the region of 750 contractors and 27,000 individuals licensed by the PSA. The next sectors for licensing are CCTV Monitoring contractors, Event Security contractors and Cash In Transit employees. These are scheduled to take place during 2013.

Issued by the Private Security Authority. For further information contact the Authority's Communications Unit at [info@psa.gov.ie](mailto:info@psa.gov.ie).