

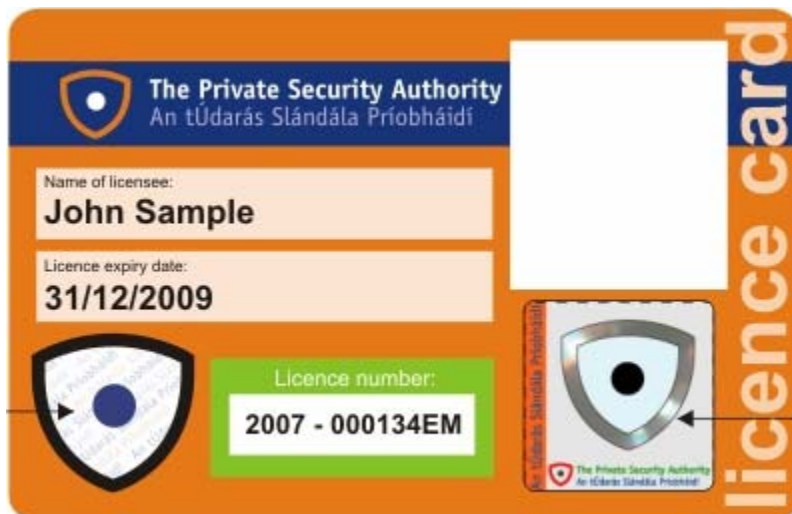
WEARING OF IDENTITY BADGES COMPULSORY FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2009

From the 1st September 2009 all licensed Door Supervisors and Security Guards will be required to wear an identity badge when working. With the introduction of regulations bringing into effect section 30 of the Private Security Services Act 2004 the wearing of identity badges will become mandatory for all licensee holders.

Licence holders can opt to wear their existing licence card as their identity badge or opt for a badge provided by their employer. A badge provided by an employer must comply with the guidelines on cards set out by the Authority. These guidelines can be found on our website, www.psa.gov.ie.

Licence holders must wear the identity card where it can be seen at all times when working. A licence can be suspended or revoked if this condition is not met. The front of the badge showing the photograph and licence number must be displayed.

Store detectives, whose duties requires them not to be immediately identifiable to the public, are exempt from wearing the badge. However, they are required to carry the licence with them at all times while on duty.



Sample of PSA Licence Card which may be used as an identity card

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WORK PERMITS FOR NON NATIONALS

Citizens of non EEA countries require a work permit to take up employment in Ireland. There is a legal obligation on employers to ensure that their employees hold the correct work permit.

Employers should not accept a PSA licence as proof of permission to work.

While the Authority is not required to check the work or residency status of applicants, we have a responsibility to ensure that licences do not issue to persons working in the country illegally. Where we cannot verify a licence holders right to work, we will write to them seeking evidence confirming this right. If we do not receive this evidence a decision to revoke their licence will be taken.

Information on permits can be obtained from the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment (www.entemp.ie).

NIGHT TIME INSPECTIONS

Since 1 January 2009, a number of night time inspections have been carried out throughout the country in an determined effort to identify illegal activity among individuals, contractors and clients. A total of 174 venues have been inspected since January this year and the PSA will continue to use its powers under the Act to stamp out illegal operations and will prosecute unlicensed contractors, individuals or clients where there is sufficient evidence to support such cases.

THANKS FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

We welcome feedback about our ezine so please let us know if it is relevant to your needs or if there are other topics we should include. If there are others in your organisation whom you think would like to receive the PSA ezine, you can let us know by emailing info@psa.gov.ie