

Policy on Qualifications Obtained For First Time Applicants

The Board of the PSA approves the minimum qualifications for individuals applying for a PSA licence. The Board of the PSA has decided that those who are applying for a licence **for the first time** must have successfully completed the prescribed training within a defined time frame relative to the date of applying.

Given how rapidly the private security industry is changing it has been decided to set a time limit on the duration of the qualification for licensing purposes. The training modules are designed to take account of best and current practices within the security industry. Persons who have attended the training modules and who are not engaged in security activities will lose the knowledge and skills acquired during their training. The policy of the PSA in respect of training qualifications successfully obtained by first time applicants and submitted in support of their first application for a PSA licence is:

Only prescribed training successfully undertaken within 36 months prior to the lodging of a first application will be accepted by the PSA.
All training undertaken outside the 36 month period shall not be acceptable for licensing purposes.

This policy will take effect from **1st September 2015**.

Existing licence holders will not be affected by this policy. Similarly, licence holders who have allowed their licence to expire, exited the industry and returned after a period of time, will not be effected. When the matter of refresher training has been addressed this category of licence holders will be required to undertake some form of refresher training.