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PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY ACT (CHAPTER 250A)

PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY (REGULATED AGENCIES, PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS AND SECURITY OFFICERS) REGULATIONS 2009

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 39 of the Private Security Industry Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Private Security Industry (Regulated Agencies, Private Investigators and Security Officers) Regulations 2009 and shall come into operation on 27th April 2009.
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Application for private investigation agency's licence and security agency's licence

2. Every application for a private investigation agency's licence or a security agency's licence shall be made using the electronic service provided by the licensing officer.

3. *[Deleted by S 588/2025 wef 15/09/2025]*

Fee for private investigation agency's licence

4. The fee payable for a private investigation agency's licence is \$812.

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5. *[Deleted by S 588/2025 wef 15/09/2025]*

Fee for security agency's licence

6. The fee payable for a security agency's licence is as follows:
- (a) for a licence that is valid for a period not exceeding one year — \$355;
 - (b) for a licence that is valid for a period of 3 years — \$812;
 - (c) for a licence that is valid for a period of 5 years — \$1,270.

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Application for private investigator's licence and security officer's licence

7. Every application for a private investigator's licence or a security officer's licence shall be made using the electronic service provided by the licensing officer.

Application fee for private investigator's licence or security officer's licence

8. The fee payable for an application for a private investigator's licence or a security officer's licence is \$16.

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Submission of information to licensing officer under sections 8 and 16 of Act

9. Where a person is required under section 8(3) or 16(3) of the Act to inform the licensing officer of the employment or termination of employment of a licensed private investigator or a licensed security officer (as the case may be), the information shall be submitted to the licensing officer using the electronic service provided by the licensing officer.

Submission of information to licensing officer under sections 9 and 17 of Act

10. Where a person is required under section 9(1) or 17(1) of the Act to inform the licensing officer of the employment or termination of employment of any person other than as a private investigator or a security officer, the information shall be submitted to the licensing officer using the electronic service provided by the licensing officer.

Register of employees and deployment sites

11.—(1) A licensed private investigation agency or a licensed security agency shall at all times maintain an up-to-date register of all persons employed by it as a private investigator or as a security officer.

(2) A licensed security agency shall at all times maintain an up-to-date register of all places in which the security officers employed by it are deployed for work.

(3) The registers referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be maintained by the licensed private investigation agency or licensed security agency, as the case may be, in the appropriate form and manner provided under the electronic service provided by the licensing officer.

Change of particulars

12.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a licensee shall, not later than 14 days after the date of any change taking place in any of the particulars that were declared by the licensee in his application for a licence, inform the licensing officer in writing of the change.

(2) Where a licensee who has changed his residential address makes a report not later than 14 days after the date of the change under section 10 of the National Registration Act 1965, he shall be deemed to have informed the licensing officer of the change in his residential address in compliance with paragraph (1) so far as that paragraph applies to residential addresses.

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Notification of change in particulars of directors or partners, etc.

14.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), where —

- (a) a licensee is a company; and
- (b) there is a change in the particulars of the licensee's directors that were declared in the licensee's application for a licence,

the licensee must, not later than 14 days after the date of the change, notify the licensing officer of the change using the electronic service provided by the licensing officer.

(2) If —

(a) the licensee is required under section 173A of the Companies Act 1967 to furnish the Registrar (as defined in section 4(1) of that Act) the information about the change mentioned in paragraph (1)(b); and

(b) the information about the change is furnished to the Registrar not later than 14 days after the date of the change,

the licensee is deemed to have notified the licensing officer of the change in compliance with paragraph (1).

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), where —

(a) a licensee is a limited liability partnership; and

(b) there is a change in the particulars of the licensee's partners that were declared in the licensee's application for a licence,

the licensee must, not later than 14 days after the date of the change, notify the licensing officer of the change using the electronic service provided by the licensing officer.

(4) If —

(a) the licensee is required under section 34 of the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2005 to lodge with the Registrar (as defined in section 2(1) of that Act) a statement about the change mentioned in paragraph (3)(b); and

(b) the statement about the change is lodged with the Registrar not later than 14 days after the date of the change,

the licensee is deemed to have notified the licensing officer of the change in compliance with paragraph (3).

(5) Subject to paragraphs (6), (7) and (8), where there is a change in the identity or particulars of any person having substantial interest in, or control or direction over, the business of a licensee, the licensee

must, not later than 14 days after the date of the change, notify the licensing officer in writing of the change.

(6) Paragraph (5) does not apply to a licensee which is a company or limited liability partnership if the person having substantial interest in, or control or direction over, the business of the licensee is a director or partner of the licensee.

(7) If —

(a) the licensee is required under section 386AN of the Companies Act 1967 to lodge with the Registrar (as defined in section 4(1) of that Act) the information about the change mentioned in paragraph (5); and

(b) the information about the change is lodged with the Registrar not later than 14 days after the date of the change, the licensee is deemed to have notified the licensing officer of the change in compliance with paragraph (5).

(8) If —

(a) the licensee is required under section 54 of the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2005 to lodge with the Registrar (as defined in section 2(1) of that Act) the information about the change mentioned in paragraph (5); and

(b) the information about the change is lodged with the Registrar not later than 14 days after the date of the change, the licensee is deemed to have notified the licensing officer of the change in compliance with paragraph (5).

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Request for information

15. The licensing officer may, at any time by notice in writing, require a licensee to furnish him, not later than 14 days after the date of the notice, with any information the licensing officer may require concerning the licensee's business or employees.

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17. *[Deleted by S 588/2025 wef 15/09/2025]*

Malfunction or failure of electronic service, etc.

18.—(1) In the event of a malfunction or failure of the electronic service provided by the licensing officer —

- (a) an application for a private investigation agency's licence or a security agency's licence must be made in such form and manner as the licensing officer may determine;
- (b) an application for a private investigator's licence or a security officer's licence must be made in such form and manner as the licensing officer may determine;
- (c) the submission of information under section 8(3), 9(1), 16(3) or 17(1) of the Act must be made in such form and manner as the licensing officer may determine; and
- (d) a notification of a change in the particulars of the directors or partners of a company or limited liability partnership under regulation 14(1) or (3) must be made in such form and manner as the licensing officer may determine.

(2) Where —

- (a) a person is required under these Regulations to make an application, a submission or a notification using the electronic service provided by the licensing officer; and
- (b) the licensing officer considers that it is inexpedient or impracticable for the person to do so,

the licensing officer may require the person, by notice in writing to the person, to make the application, submission or notification in such form and manner as the licensing officer may determine.

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19. *[Deleted by S 588/2025 wef 15/09/2025]*

Issue, display and surrender of Identification Card

20.—(1) The licensing officer may issue an Identification Card in such form as he may determine to a licensed private investigator or a licensed security officer.

(2) A licensed private investigator must, when carrying out his functions as a private investigator —

- (a) carry his Identification Card with him; and
- (b) produce the Identification Card whenever requested to do so by any person.

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(2A) A licensed security officer must, when carrying out his functions as a security officer —

- (a) carry his Identification Card with him; and
- (b) either wear the Identification Card on his person in a manner where the particulars on the Identification Card are clearly exposed to view or, if instructed by his employer not to wear the Identification Card for operational reasons, produce the Identification Card whenever requested to do so by any person.

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(3) Where the licence of a private investigator or a security officer is revoked or suspended by order of the licensing officer under section 24(1) or (7) of the Act, the licensee shall, not later than 14 days after the date of the revocation or suspension order taking effect, surrender his Identification Card to the licensing officer.

Equipment

21. A licensed private investigation agency or a licensed security agency shall not issue to its employees or permit them to use any uniform, badge, emblem, two-way radio communication equipment, handcuffs, truncheon, siren, mechanical or electronic device or other equipment without first obtaining the prior approval in writing of the licensing officer.

Protection of information

22. No person shall, otherwise than in the performance of his duties or in the course of his business of a licensed private investigation agency or licensed security agency, as the case may be, reveal any information of a private or confidential nature which was acquired by him or which came to his knowledge in the course of his duties as a private investigator or as a security officer or as a licensee or an

employee of a private investigation agency or a security guard agency.

Security transportation

23.—(1) If a licensee holding a security agency's licence wishes to provide security transportation as a service, he shall, before commencing to provide the service, notify the licensing officer in writing that he intends to provide such a service.

(2) *[Deleted by S 756/2017 wef 01/01/2018]*

(3) In this regulation —

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“security transportation” means the transportation of cash, gold, jewellery or other valuables by whatever means.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation, a person shall be deemed to be providing security transportation if he furnishes or provides or notifies or states that he is willing to furnish or provide or in any way holds himself out to the public as ready to furnish or provide security guards for the transportation of cash, gold, jewellery or other valuables for or in consideration of any remuneration.

Application for approval under section 11 of Act for certain security assignments

24. An application for approval to carry out any security assignment under section 11 of the Act must be in such form and manner as the licensing officer may determine.

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False statements, etc.

25. Any person who —

(a) in any application, form, document, return or notice submitted by him to the licensing officer under regulation 9, 10, 12(1), 14(1), (3) or (5), 15, 23(1) or 24; or

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- (b) in any register required to be maintained by him under regulation 11,

makes any statement which is false or furnishes any particular which is false or knowingly omits to furnish any particular which is required to be furnished shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both.

[S 756/2017 wef 01/01/2018]

Photographs and fingerprints

26.—(1) The licensing officer may, at any time, require the taking and recording of photographs and fingerprints of persons applying for a licence and of every person employed by a licensee or seeking employment with a licensee.

(2) Any person employed by a licensee or seeking employment with a licensee (other than as a secretarial, clerical or other staff of a similar kind) and who refuses to comply with the requirement referred to in paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both.

[S 756/2017 wef 01/01/2018]

Offences

27. Any person who —

- (a) contravenes regulation 11(1), (2) or (3), 12(1), 14(1), (3) or (5), 20(2), (2A) or (3), 21, 22 or 23(1); or

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- (b) fails to comply with the requirements of a notice under regulation 15 which has been served on him,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both.

[S 756/2017 wef 01/01/2018]

Security service providers not subject to Regulations

28. These Regulations shall not apply to any holder of a security service provider's licence or an applicant for the grant or renewal of such a licence, and any reference in these Regulations to a licence or licensee shall be construed as not including such a licence or a holder thereof.

Revocation

29. The Private Investigation and Security Agencies Regulations (Cap. 249, Rg 1) are revoked.

THE SCHEDULE

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