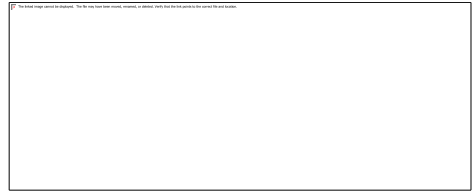


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SIA Update Evaluation Survey



We keep all of our publications under regular review and we'd like to know what you think about *SIA Update*.

Please answer our short survey, which should take about 10 minutes to complete. Any information you provide will only be used for the purposes of this research and all responses are confidential.

We want *SIA Update* to be useful and informative. This is your opportunity to help us.

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Unlicensed Director Ordered To Pay £550k

Unlicensed security director Ernest Bewick has been ordered to pay more than half a million pounds from his business or face five years in jail.

He provided security services to more than 100 pubs, clubs and hotels in Sunderland through his company Bewick Security, but did not hold the SIA licence required to work lawfully.

Bewick, who was previously convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to six years in prison, had not applied for an SIA licence, the court heard.

Following an investigation led by Northumbria Police and supported by our investigators and HM Revenue and Customs, Bewick was prosecuted and fined £2,000 for working as a director without a licence.

This conviction meant Northumbria Police could then pursue him under the Proceeds of Crime Act. On Thursday 2 February at Newcastle Crown Court Bewick, of Wheatsheaf Court, Roker, was ordered to pay back £550,000 of the profit he had made from his company. He must pay the sum within six months, or face a five year prison sentence in default.

SIA Head of Investigation Neil Diamond said:

"This is an excellent outcome which is a result of partnership working between several agencies. It sends a clear message to those tempted to flout the law."

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Proof of Age Standards Scheme



The Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS) is the UK's national proof of age accreditation scheme, endorsed by the Home Office, the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), the Security Industry Authority (SIA) and the Trading Standards Institute (TSI). PASS sets and maintains minimum criteria that proof of age card issuers must meet.

To raise further awareness of the scheme 80,000 PASS training cards have been made and will be distributed to retailers across the UK. Cards will also be distributed to training providers, licensees, pub companies and security firms supplying door supervisors. The training cards are intended to help front line staff recognise the PASS hologram. The presence of the PASS hologram on a proof of age card indicates that the card is genuine and can be accepted with confidence. PASS Director Kate Winstanley said: *"Accepting a PASS hologram card which bears the bearer's image and acceptable date of birth is due diligence, as advised by the Home Office and the Association of Chief Police Officers. We have identified a clear need within the late night sector for more training of front line staff and door supervisors in particular to assist with recognition of the PASS hologram."* Training cards can be ordered free of charge by e-

mailing requests to: pass@cpltraining.co.uk [More information about PASS](#)



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Fact or Fiction?



If I call myself a 'glass collector' or a 'security consultant' I can get round the requirement for a licence. Fiction: It is not your job title that determines whether or not you need a licence, it is what you do. If you undertake the licensable activity of a manned guard, a vehicle immobiliser or a key holder and you are working without a licence then you are breaking the law, no matter what you're called on your business card.

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Spotlight On...Enforcement Operations



We work closely with enforcement partners like the police and local authorities to ensure that individuals and companies operating within the private security industry comply with the law. Enforcement operations are an important part of this work. The 'Enforcement Operations' page of our website features information on operations led or assisted by investigators from our Compliance and Investigation team. The page shows:

- the locations where operations took place;
- the number of sites inspected;
- details of any enforcement partners involved;
- the total number of offences found.

The page is updated on a monthly basis and provides details for the preceding three months. [Go to the Enforcement Operations page](#)

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Enforcement News

A wheel clamping case that has interested local and national media concluded when the owner and his employees were sentenced this month.

Andrew Minshull (who ran Midland Parking Contracts), his former partner Debbie Worton (who worked for the company in an administration role) and clampers Simon Barry, Christopher Cartwright, Lloyd Isherwood and Faisal Qadeer were all accused of conspiracy to defraud between January 2006 and September 2009.

West Mercia Police, Worcestershire Regulatory Services' trading standards team and the SIA launched an investigation following around 200 complaints from motorists.

- Andrew Minshull was sentenced to 32 months in prison
- Debbie Worton was sentenced to 12 months in prison
- Simon Barry was sentenced to 21 months in prison

- Christopher Cartwright and Faisal Qadeer were both sentenced to 15 months in prison.

They all admitted the offence and were sentenced at Worcester Crown Court. Lloyd Isherwood has had his sentencing adjourned to a later date as pre-sentence reports were not ready.

In checks conducted in Cookstown, County Tyrone, seven door staff were found working illegally as none of them held licences. The men worked at three different bars and the police are leading enquiries. A door supervisor was also issued with a warning for not displaying his licence.

In Llanelli, a door supervisor was found working on the door at a takeaway, despite his SIA licence having been suspended. He will now be interviewed by Dyfed Powys Police and SIA investigators. During the Saturday night checks warnings were issued to three door supervisors found to be breaking SIA licence conditions.

Door staff were checked in Hackney, London as part of the ongoing Metropolitan Police campaign 'Operation Spex', a series of police-led operations targeting licensed premises in the London boroughs. All of the 14 door staff inspected held valid licences, though one person was issued with a warning for failing to display their licence.

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Approved Contractor Scheme

ACS Out and About

Following the Best Bar None annual practitioner conference last year, this month the ACS team were flying the ACS flag at the National Pubwatch Conference.

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Reminder - ACS Forums

An important aspect of the Approved Contractor Scheme is the regular regional events. This is where approved contractors get to exchange ideas and good practice, receive technical and quality assurance updates, as well as receiving briefings from expert speakers.

There is a good chance that if you use an approved contractor you will find them attending one of the following events:

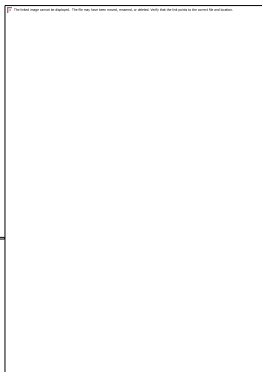
- Swindon - Thursday 15 March

- Edinburgh - Tuesday 20 March
- Leeds - Thursday 22 March (*fully booked*)
- Stoke-on-Trent - Tuesday 27 March (*fully booked*)
- London - Thursday 29 March (*fully booked*)
- Belfast - Tuesday 3 April

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Licensing Matters

Common Mistakes on Applications



When someone applies to us for a licence we must confirm that they are who they say they are and that they hold the required qualifications. The initial information we have on an applicant is what they tell us in their application, which is why it is important that the form is completed correctly and submitted with the required supporting documentation. If it isn't we will reject the application.

We want to reduce the likelihood of this happening. Below is a list of five mistakes that applicants commonly make when applying for a licence. If you are about to apply for a licence please check your application against this list. It might help avoid delays or possible rejection of your application.

Common Mistakes:

1. Not submitting the correct number and type of documents in support of your application. We will only accept documents listed on our approved supporting documentation list, which can be found on our [website](#) and in the *How to fill in your SIA licence application form* booklet.
2. Failing to select either 'Yes' or 'No' to 'Have you ever been issued with an application or licence number not listed above?' (*Question B2*). This is a mandatory field.
3. Counter-signatories not providing all mandatory information for questions C1 - C8 and not signing and dating both the back of your photograph and question C9 and C10. Guidance on how to complete this section can be found in the *How to fill in your SIA licence application form* booklet.
4. Failing to select either 'Yes' or 'No' to 'Do you have a current valid overseas passport?' (*Question D7*). This is a mandatory field.
5. Not detailing your address history for the past five years (with no time gaps between the different addresses) when completing section E. Guidance on this can be found in the *How to fill in your SIA licence application form* booklet.

The *How to fill in your SIA licence application form* booklet can be downloaded [from our website](#). We also provide an [example of a correctly completed application form](#).

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