



Private Security Industry Act 2001

2001 CHAPTER 12

Licensing functions of the Authority

8 Licences to engage in licensable conduct

- (1) The Authority may, on an application made to it, grant to the applicant a licence to engage in any such licensable conduct as may be described in the licence.
- (2) An application to the Authority for the grant of a licence—
 - (a) must be in such form, and
 - (b) must be accompanied by such information, as may be prescribed.
- (3) In determining whether or not to grant a licence the Authority shall apply the criteria for the time being applicable under section 7.
- (4) The Authority may refuse to grant a licence until—
 - (a) it has been satisfied as to the identity of the applicant in such manner as may be prescribed;
 - (b) the applicant has supplemented his application with such further information (if any) as the Authority may request after receiving the application; and
 - (c) the Authority has been able to carry out such further inquiries (if any) in relation to the applicant as it considers appropriate.
- (5) A licence granted by the Authority to engage in any description of licensable conduct—
 - (a) must be in such form,
 - (b) must contain such information, and
 - (c) must be granted on such conditions, as may be prescribed in relation to licences to engage in that description of licensable conduct.
- (6) Such a licence may be granted subject to such conditions, in addition to the prescribed conditions, as the Authority considers appropriate in relation to the licence in question.

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- (7) On the making of an application for the grant of a licence, the applicant shall pay to the Authority such fee as may be prescribed.
- (8) Subject to section 10, a licence shall remain in force—
- (a) except in a case to which paragraph (b) applies, for a period of three years beginning with the day on which it is granted; and
 - (b) in any case for which provision as to the duration of the licence is made by the Secretary of State by order, for such other period beginning with that day as may be specified in the order.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 8 in force at 6.7.2006 for S. by [S.S.I. 2006/382](#), [art. 3\(a\)](#)
- I2** S. 8 in force at 11.3.2009 for specified purposes for N.I. by [S.I. 2009/644](#), [art. 3](#)
- I3** S. 8 in force at 1.5.2009 for N.I. In so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2009/1058](#), [art. 3](#)
- I4** S. 8(1)(3)(4)(b)(c)(6) in force at 1.2.2004 by [S.I. 2003/2710](#), [art. 3\(c\)](#)
- I5** S. 8(2)(5)(7)(8) in force at 1.4.2003 for certain purposes by [S.I. 2002/3125](#), [art. 4\(c\)](#)
- I6** S. 8(2)(4)(a)(5)(7)(8) in force at 1.2.2004 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2003/2710](#), [art. 3\(c\)](#)
- I7** S. 8(4)(a) in force at 1.11.2003 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2003/2710](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2005/243, arts. 2(c), 4 by [S.I. 2005/362 art. 2](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4A4B and cross-heading inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 42\(2\)](#)
- s. 4A(9)(a) words substituted by [2020 c. 17 Sch. 24 para. 443\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The insertion of s. 4A by 2010 c. 17, s. 42(2) is still prospective.)
- s. 6(1A) inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 42\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 44 repealed (1.10.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, Sch. 10 Pt. 3; S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(h))
- s. 8(9) inserted by [2010 c. 17 Sch. 1 para. 8](#)
- s. 9(2A)-(2C) inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 42\(4\)](#)
- s. 14(1A) inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 43\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 15(1)(1A) substituted for s. 15(1) by [2010 c. 17 s. 43\(4\)](#)
- s. 17(1)(b) and word inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 43\(8\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 19(1)(b) and word inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 42\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 19(8)(b)(ba) substituted for s. 19(8)(b) by [2010 c. 17 Sch. 1 para. 9](#)
- s. 22A inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 44\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 42(3) repealed (1.10.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, Sch. 10 Pt. 3; S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(h))
- s. 22B inserted by 2010 c. 17 s. 44(2) (as substituted) by [S.I. 2012/2595 art. 22\(4\)](#) (2010 c. 17, s. 44 which make's the insertion of s. 22B was never brought into force and was partially repealed 1.10.2012 for E and W by 2012 c. 9, Sch. 10 Pt. 3 Si 2012/2075, art. 3(e)(h))
- s. 23(3) inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 42\(6\)](#)
- s. 23A inserted by [2010 c. 17 Sch. 1 para. 10](#)
- s. 25(1A) inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 42\(7\)](#)