



NSW Police Force

Changes to Security Licence Classes and Activities

FACT SHEET 1

This Fact Sheet provides information on changes to the activities authorised by Class 1 and Class 2 licences (and new Provisional licences).

The amended Security Industry Act 1997 increases the number of Class 1 and Class 2 licence subclasses from seven to thirteen and provides greater detail on the activities deemed to be licensable security activities.

Fact Sheet 3 provides information on the impact of these changes on current licence holders.

Why have the Class 1 and Class 2 licence subclasses been expanded?

Class 1A and Class 2C licences currently authorise a diverse range of activities. A person holding a Class 1A licence may be performing duties ranging from monitoring centre operations to armed guarding, while Class 2C licences authorise various activities broadly related to the installation of security equipment.

The activities authorised by these generic licence subclasses do not all require the same skills and knowledge. For example, monitoring centre operators do not require conflict resolution skills, while armed guards do not need to know how to operate monitoring equipment. The expansion of the licence subclasses allows training to be linked to specific security activities, so that the knowledge and skills provided through training is relevant to the work being performed.

The new training requirements for each of the Class 1 licence subclasses have been determined. The Security Industry Registry will be working closely with industry, through the new Security Industry Council, to identify appropriate training requirements for Class 2 activities.

What are the new subclasses and what security activities do they authorise?

The new Class 1 licence subclasses are:

- **1A – Unarmed Guard *Reduced authority***
Authorises the licensee to patrol, protect, watch or guard property while unarmed (includes control room operations).
- **1B – Bodyguard *Unchanged***
Authorises the licensee to act as a bodyguard or provide close personal protection.
- **1C – Crowd Controller *Unchanged***
Authorises the licensee to act as a crowd/venue controller or bouncer.
- **1D – Guard Dog Handler *New (formerly 1A)***
Authorises the licensee to patrol, protect, watch or guard property with a dog.
- **1E – Monitoring Centre Operator *New (formerly 1A)***
Authorises the licensee to patrol, protect, watch or guard property while carrying on monitoring centre operations (does not include control room operations).
- **1F – Armed Guard *New (formerly 1A)***
Authorises the licensee to patrol, protect, watch or guard property while armed (but only if the licensee also holds the relevant firearms licence).
- **1G – Loss Prevention Officer *New (formerly 1A)***
Authorises the licensee to patrol, protect, watch or guard property while carrying on retail loss prevention.

Each of these Class 1 licence subclasses has a corresponding Provisional licence subclass for new entrants (see Fact Sheet 2).

The new Class 2 licence subclasses are:

- **2A – Security Consultant *Unchanged***
Authorises the licensee to act as a consultant by identifying and analysing security risks and providing solutions and strategies to minimise those risks (includes security site and risk assessments).
- **2B – Security Seller *Reduced Authority***
Authorises the licensee to sell and provide advice on security services and security equipment (other than barrier and electronic security equipment).
- **2C – Locksmith *Changed***
Authorises the licensee to act as a locksmith, including selling, maintaining, repairing, servicing and providing advice on related security equipment (including barrier equipment).



- **2D – Security Trainer *Unchanged***
Authorises the licensee to provide training, assessment or instruction in relation to any security activity.
- **2E – Barrier Equipment Specialist *New (formerly 2B and 2C)***
Authorises the licensee to sell, install, maintain, repair, service and provide advice in relation to barrier equipment (i.e. security doors, fences, gates and window grilles). Subclass 2E is not separately required by locksmiths.
- **2F – Electronic Equipment Specialist *New (formerly 2B and 2C)***
Authorises the licensee to sell, install, maintain, repair, service and provide advice in relation to electronic security equipment.

Note: Single licences may now be issued for any combination of Class 1 and Class 2 subclasses.

Class 1 and Class 2 licensees can only perform security activities while employed by a Master licence holder (if the licensee is self-employed, they must hold a Master licence in addition to their Class 1 and/or Class 2 licence).

Are there any additional activities that now require security licences?

The amended Security Industry Act 1997 provides much greater detail on security activities requiring licences.

Most of the activities now identified in the Act were included within the previous broad definitions and are not new activities in terms of licensing requirements. For example, “monitoring centre operations” was not previously specifically identified in the Act, but has always fallen within the activities requiring a Class 1A licence.

The most notable change in the defined security activities has been the expansion of sales-related activities requiring licences. These activities now include:

- selling any security equipment (other than basic household or automotive security items at approved classes of retail outlets)
- selling security methods or principles
- selling the services of people to carry on security activities
- acting as an agent for, or otherwise obtaining contracts for, the supply of security services or equipment
- brokering any security activity, by acting as an intermediary to negotiate and obtain any such activity for a person in return for a commission or other financial benefit.

These sales-related activities require a Class 2B licence, except where they relate to the specialised services authorised by Class 2C, 2E and 2F licences. Employers of individuals engaged in these activities must hold a Master licence.

Security Industry Registry

Locked Bag 5099
Parramatta NSW 2124

Telephone
1300 362 001

Fax
1300 362 066

Email
sir@police.nsw.gov.au

Website
<http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/sir>

Where can I find more information?

The information provided in this Fact Sheet is for general guidance only and does not limit the activities requiring security licences. Applicants and licensees should familiarise themselves with the amended Security Industry Act 1997 and the Security Industry Regulation 2007, which are available on the NSW Legislation website (www.legislation.nsw.gov.au).



NSW Police Force
www.police.nsw.gov.au