

Mandatory Licences for Employees in Private Security

Part 05-02-15

Document last reviewed August 2023



The Private Security Services Act 2004 is the primary legislation under which the Private Security Authority operates. The Act was amended by Part 4 of the Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011 and by the Private Security Services (Amendment) Act 2021.

Where an employee incurs the cost of a licence required under the Private Security Services Act to enable him or her to perform the duties of his or her employment, then a tax deduction at the employee's marginal rate of tax may be granted in respect of such cost.

In addition, where the cost of the licence is incurred by an employer on behalf of an employee or the employer reimburses the employee for such cost, Revenue are prepared to accept that no charge to income tax arises in respect of the employee.