

## Welcome to the January Edition of our Security Newsletter

In this month's edition of the BAB Security newsletter, we run through the changes for SIA versions of Get Approved and Get Approved Clarifications.

There are also some minor amendments to BS 7858 that the relevant British Standards committee has just approved. In the next few weeks, these will be released as "BS 7858:2019 + Corrigendum 1:2022"

We also take a look at Protect Duty. We explore the legislation that promotes the idea and good practices that can be implemented to significantly impact public protection against terror attacks and the overall response.

Don't forget, if you're looking to improve your business skills, our Business Essentials online training courses start from only £59. Courses cover: Mental Health, Cyber Security, Freedom of Information, Counter Fraud, Anti-Money Laundering, Bribery Act, Leadership and Management, Time Management, Equality and Diversity, Health and Safety and Modern Slavery amongst others.

Read on for more details.



### SIA ACS Updates

On Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October the SIA published updated versions of Get Approved and Get Approved Clarifications.

These documents are the rule book for ACS approval, so changes could have an impact on eligibility and or ACS assessments.

Some of the changes are cosmetic, e.g. changing from bullet points to numbered lists, but there have been some sections with updated wording, new wording, or outdated wording removed. ACS companies or companies looking to achieve ACS should ensure they have checked the new versions to ensure they remain eligible.

Below are the 3 main significant changes:

- Companies seeking approval for an additional sector – ideally they should have been practising the extra sector for at least 12 months, however, the SIA will consider it after a minimum of 3 months – this means to make sure you clearly report contract dates for an additional sector and consider that if it is between 3 and 12 months that it is the SIA's decision.
- Companies can be eligible for ACS where their contracts are subcontracts from another guarding company rather than direct from a client – an example could be a company only providing keyholding as a subcontractor for Nexus or The Keyholding Company.
- If a business runs from home, access is required as part of the scheme. We need to see their normal place of work.



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## Security Standards Updates

The relevant British Standards committee has just approved some minor amendments to BS 7858. In the next few weeks, these will be released as "BS 7858:2019 + Corrigendum 1:2022"

The changes are:

- In 7.4 Preliminary checks item c) note 1 has been updated with an up-to-date link for guidance on acceptable ID documents.

NOTE 1: Acceptable identity documents are in accordance with basic or

standard/enhanced disclosure of the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) website:

[Click here for the DBS Check](#)

[Click here for the Basic ID Check](#)

- In 7.4 Preliminary checks item d) has been updated with a revised link and confirmation that the minimum check is one UK list, though a company can always check multiple lists.

e) Watchlist checks. The organisation should cross-reference the individual's name(s) against, as a minimum, the HM Treasury Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation watchlist (s) accessible below.

### Watchlist Check

NOTE 4: The organisation may have to conduct additional checks to satisfy specific client contractual obligations.

NOTE 5: The organisation may agree acceptance of risk procedures with their insurers. If a match is found and advice is required, contact the Office of Financial Sanctions.

### Sanctions Guide

- In 7.7 Completion of screening – for someone leaving full-time education, this has reintroduced a gap up to November is permissible (this was in the previous version, but accidentally dropped from the 2019 version).

a) Date of leaving full-time education: if this falls within the screening period, it should be confirmed. For individuals who left full-time education at the end of a school year (summer

term), the period up to 1st November of that year should be considered as part of the school career. For individuals leaving full-time education at other times of the year, the period of grace should be limited to two months.

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## What is the Protect Duty legislation?

Protect Duty is a newly proposed legislation that will place more responsibility on the owners of publicly accessible locations for security and protection from terrorist incidents. According to the government, a publicly accessible location is a place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission.

[Find out more](#)



SIA Buyers of Security Event

Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 1pm



Do you buy physical security services to protect property, premises or people?

If you do, then this event is for you.

The Security Industry Authority (SIA) is hosting an online event for security buyers to discuss the benefits of contracting with SIA-approved contractors. Laura Walkerdine and Senay Direncay are from the SIA Business Standards function and will discuss the Approved Contractor Scheme (ACS), what it entails, and how it would benefit you.

The event is scheduled to last for one hour with time for Q&A after the presentation. Ahead of the event, you may be interested to read the [Do you buy security?](#) guide.

We hope you will be able to attend, and we look forward to seeing you there!

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