



Information Note on CCTV

The definition of CCTV as defined in S.I. No: 144 of 2012 states:

“installer of security equipment (cctv)” means a person who installs, maintains, repairs or services security equipment that consists of electronic or other devices, which through visual images, warns of, monitors or records potential or actual unauthorised entry or misconduct on or in the vicinity of premises where such equipment is situated.

Any contractor who installs, maintains, repairs or services CCTV systems as part of a business, trade or profession must hold a PSA licence. Licensing applies to CCTV systems used solely or partially for security purposes.

HOW CCTV APPLIES IN PRACTICE

What is licensable?

- any CCTV system used solely or primarily for security purposes including the installation and maintenance of the hardware and software components of the system,
- any programming, commissioning or system support provided by a manufacturer or retailer to an installer as part of the installation or maintenance process.

What's not licensable?

- any CCTV system used for environmental purposes such as pollution control, illegal dumping/littering,
- any CCTV system used to monitor cattle, drains, processing lines or other such purposes which does not involve security,
- any system installed in a domestic setting by the householder.

PIR/Cameras

- Where the provision of a service involves the installation of a PIR/Camera and the following criteria is met, an intruder alarm licence is sufficient;
- The camera is incorporated into the PIR.
- The camera is only activated when the alarm is activated.
- The camera provides images, still or video, for a maximum of 60 seconds on activation.
- The purpose of the images is to verify the cause of the alarm activation.
- There is no facility to view images other than under 2. above.

All other scenarios where a camera forms part of the alarm system will require a CCTV licence.

For more information visit the PSA website, www.psa.gov.ie