



## INDUSTRY CIRCULAR NO 007/2021

**TO: ALL SECURITY SERVICE PROVIDERS**  
**FROM: OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**  
**SUBJECT: BUSINESS LICENSES AND PERMITS**  
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Following on from the speech of the Honourable President Mr Cyril Ramaphosa on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 on the progress in the national effort to contain the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, the Authority has been inundated with enquiries regarding the section of the speech dealing with business licenses. In his speech, the President indicated that -

*"In addition, Cabinet has decided that all business licenses and permits that expired between March 2020 and June 2021 will remain valid until 31 December 2022. New business licenses or permits that are issued from the 1st of July will also be valid until 31 December 2022, and no license fee will be payable. This will provide some relief to small businesses".*

Consequently, the Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs issued an Amendment of Regulations in terms of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 which, in terms of section 27(2), provides that the cabinet minister responsible for small businesses development will issue directions in respect of the extension of business permits and licenses which expired between 29 March 2020 and 30 June 2021.

It is on this basis that this communique is issued to advise the private security industry that until the directions are issued by the Department of Small Business and Development, the abovementioned part of the speech has no bearing on the industry in respect of its obligations in terms of the Private Security Industry Regulation Act, 2001.

In this regard, it is quite important to also take into account that when issued, the directions mentioned herein above will apply to those businesses who fall within the definition of a "small business" as provided for in terms of the National Small Business Act 102 of 1996 and the related columns of its Schedules.

We expect further developments in this regard, and we will keep the industry updated.

For further information or enquiries, kindly contact our offices or send any e-mails to [info@psira.co.za](mailto:info@psira.co.za).

Yours faithfully



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