



## INDUSTRY CIRCULAR

**TO : ALL SECURITY SERVICE PROVIDERS**

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**SUBJECT : PSiRA PROFESSIONAL BODY RECOGNITION BY SAQA**

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This communiqué serves to inform the industry of the application process that the Authority (PSiRA) has followed through with the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) for Recognition as Professional Body, as per SAQA's *Criteria for Recognising a Professional Body and Registering a Professional Designation for the Purposes of the National Qualifications Framework Act, Act 67 of 2008*.

The Authority's mandate:

PSiRA's primary objective is to regulate the private security industry and to exercise effective control over the practice of the occupation of the security service provider in the public and national interest and the interest of the private security industry itself.

In terms of the Section 4 (k) of the PSiR Act, the Authority's functions is to take necessary steps that may be expedient or necessary in connection with the training of

security service providers and prospective security service providers to ensure a high quality of training and in particular with regard to:

- (i) the accreditation and withdrawal of the accreditation of persons and institutions ;
- (ii) the monitoring and auditing of the quality of training functions performed by accredited persons;
- (iii) the participation in the activities of other bodies and persons entitled by law to set standards in respect of training of security service providers or bodies entitled to formulate, implement or monitor skills development plans for the private security industry;
- (iv) the appointment of persons to monitor and assess achievements or outcomes in respect of standards applicable to training;
- (v) the determination and accreditation of qualifications required by security service providers to perform particular types of security services, and
- (vi) the taking of reasonable steps to verify the authenticity of training certificates presented by the persons for the purpose of this Act.

In pursuant to this mandate, the Authority has published the Draft Training Regulation dated 24 June 2016, Government Gazette No. 756. These Draft Training Regulations are aimed at determining the statutory minimum training standards for different classes and categories of private security industry which are aligned to National Qualifications Framework (NQF), soon to be revised in terms of the Occupational Qualifications Sub-Framework. The proposed skills programmes as published in the abovementioned Government Gazette will be going through the realignment to occupational qualifications.

It is important to note that the private security industry comprises of more than twenty (20) disciplines/sectors and some are listed in **Table1** below. The following are some of the designations informed by skills programmes clusters derived from the unit standards based qualifications which will soon be obsolete.

**Table1:**

Private Security Sector	Proposed Professional Designation
Guarding Sector	Patrol officer
	Access control officer
	Asset protection officer
	Security first line supervisor
	Security supervisor
Specialist Security Services	Reaction officer
	Assets in transit officer
	Assets in transit driver
	Port security officer
	Maritime security officer
	Retail security officer
	Event Security Officer
Close Protection	Close Protection Officer
Electronic Security Industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Access Control</i></li> <li>• <i>Alarm System</i></li> <li>• <i>Fire Detection</i></li> <li>• <i>X-Ray inspection, metal detection and bomb</i></li> <li>• <i>Monitoring/interceptive devices</i></li> <li>• <i>Electronic Tracking Installations etc.</i></li> </ul>	Cabler/wireman
	Installer
	Technician
	NB: There are various specialisation depending on the different types of equipment
Control Room or Surveillance Room Industry	Control/Surveillance Room Operator
Locksmith Industry	Key cutter
	Locksmith
	Safe Technician
	NB: The below designations in locksmiths are separate

	and do not have a progression: ✓ Safe Installer ✓ Locksmith Equipment Installer
Private Investigator Industry	Private Investigator
Service Dog Handler	Service Dog Handler
Security Advisor or Consultant Industry	Security Advisor or Consultant Industry
Security Management	Security Manager

Although the skills programmes are not promulgated, the Authority together with SAQA has decided to register only one designation for the purpose of completing the first phase of PSiRA Professional Body application (more designations will be registered at the later stage). In the meantime, this will allow the Authority together with the industry to undertake the necessary re-alignment of the occupational qualification/part qualifications for the various classes and categories of private security. ***The table below is the recommended skills programme.***

**Table2:**

<b>Designation</b>	<b>Service Dog Handler</b>		
<b>Skills Programme</b>	<b>Unit Standard ID</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Protection Dog</b>	243188	Care for a service dog	<u>15</u>
	243190	Handle a trained service dog	<u>8</u>
	243188	Care for a service dog	<u>15</u>

<b>Patrol Dog</b>	243190	Handle a trained service dog to deter crime	<u>8</u>
	120463	Handle a patrol dog to assist	<u>15</u>
<b>Sniffer Dog</b>	243188	Care for a service dog	<u>15</u>
	243190	Handle a trained service dog to deter crime	<u>8</u>
	120461	Handle a trained sniffer dog to assist in the detection of substance	<u>10</u>
	120468	Utilize a tracker dog in structured scenarios to locate missing persons and evidence	<u>15</u>
	120469	Handle a sheep dog in the investigation of stock theft	<u>15</u>

The Authority is committed to an inclusive process will ensure successful professionalization of the private security industry.

In light of the above, kindly note that SAQA will soon publish PSiRA's application to be recognized as a Professional Body.

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Your co-operation in this regard is highly appreciated.

**Yours faithfully**




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