

# IMPORTANT NEWS

## Changes affecting **security equipment installers, security advisors** and **security firms**

From 1 July 2008 individuals and businesses installing or servicing security equipment, conducting electronic surveillance, providing in-house security to their employers and providing security advice will be **required to hold a security licence**. Any individual, partnership or company supplying security providers for a fee must also hold a **security firm licence** and security firms may only employ licensed security providers and ensure they only carry out duties relevant to the licence they hold.

### The security officer licence and classes

The security officer licence has been expanded to include electronic surveillance. A security adviser licence and security equipment installer licence will also be introduced. To be licensed as a bodyguard, or a security officer conducting electronic surveillance or provide in-house security to your employer, you will **need to complete minimum training requirements and meet probity requirements**. There are no licensing related qualification requirements for security advisers or security equipment installers at this time.

Individuals must hold the correct class of licence endorsed for each of the functions performed.

Licences will be issued under two classes. They are:

#### **Class 1 licence**

— a licence to perform one or more of the following functions:

- Bodyguard
- Crowd controller
- Security officer
- Private investigator.

#### **Class 2 licence**

— a licence to perform one or more of the following functions:

- Security adviser
- Security equipment installer.

### Restricted licences

From mid 2008 any person wanting to enter the industry prior to completing the required training can apply for a restricted licence. Further details on restricted licencing is available from the ASIAL website, [www.asial.com.au](http://www.asial.com.au).



### Requirements for security firms

Any individual, partnership or company supplying security providers for a fee must hold a security firm licence. Depending on the services supplied, a security firm may need to hold a Class 1 and/or a Class 2 licence. Security firms may only employ licensed security providers and ensure they only carry out duties relevant to the licence they hold.

### Penalties for operating without a licence

Penalties for operating without a licence after 1 July 2008 will be five times the previous penalties and include jail time for repeat offenders. Companies face penalties five times greater than individuals for the same offence.

### Existing licence holders

Current licences continue to be valid. Increased probity checks will occur when you renew your licence. Prior to the commencement of the new licence classes from 1 July 2008, renewal notices will guide existing licensees on any changes affecting their licence.

### More information

The QLD Office of Fair Trading will be conducting a series of information sessions from **Tuesday, 6 May 2008**.



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