



Security licensing requirements for the install, servicing and selling of security systems

The following statement has been jointly produced by the Master Electricians and New Zealand Security Association (NZSA). The statement is intended to provide guidance to members of both organisations on the application of legislation covering registration and licensing and ensuring that ultimately, our customers are provided with consistent and appropriate advice and service.

Security services provided by an electrician or electrical company:

- A Registered Electrician is exempt from requiring a Certificate of Approval (CoA) as a *Security Technician* for the install or service of security systems including intruder alarms, access control and camera systems.
- Where a registered electrician for valuable consideration enters a premise not owned by himself/herself or his/her firm for the purpose of selling or attempting to sell a security system or to advise the owner or occupier of the premise on the desirability of having a security system installed, they are deemed to be acting as a *Security Consultant* and must hold a Certificate of Approval in the category of *Security Consultant*.
- Where an electrical company has an employee whom is acting as a *Security Consultant* and is required to hold a Certificate of Approval as a *Security Consultant*, it follows that the company must also hold a Company Security Licence under the *Security Consultant* category.
- It is recommended that where an electrical company or a registered electrician is required to hold a company security licence or Certificate of Approval under the *Security Consultant* category, that they also licensed under the *Security Technician* category.

Definitions

- The term Security Technician is defined in Section 6 of the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010:
<https://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2010/0115/latest/DLM1594499.html>
- A Registered Electrician is covered within Section 22(d) of the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010:
<https://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2010/0115/latest/DLM1594521.html>

Security services provided by a security employee or security company:

- Where a technician installs or services a security system (intruder alarm, access control or camera system) they must hold a Certificate of Approval under the *Security Technician* category.
- Where an employee of a security company for valuable consideration enters a premise not owned by himself/herself or his/her firm for the purpose of selling or attempting to sell a security system or to advise the owner or occupier of the premise of having a security system installed, they are deemed to be acting as a *Security Consultant* and must hold a Certificate of Approval in the category of *Security Consultant*.
Note: In those situations where the sales process is conducted from a site owned or occupied by that party, there is no requirement for the individual to hold a Certificate of Approval or the company to hold a security licence (e.g Bunnings, on-line sellers etc).
- Where a company has an employee whom is required to hold a Certificate of Approval as a *Security Consultant*, it follows that the company must then hold a Company Security Licence under the *Security Consultant* category.
- Where a company provides the installation or servicing of security system's they must hold a Company Security Licence under the *Security Technician* category.

Definitions:

- The term Security Technician Employee is defined in Section 14 of the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010 ([click here](#))
- The term Security Consultant Employee is defined in Section 15 of the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010 ([click here](#)).

Useful links;

Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010

<https://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2010/0115/latest/DLM1594432.html>

Apply and renew PSPLA licence

<https://www.justice.govt.nz/tribunals/licences-certificates/pspla/apply-or-renew/>

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