

# Specialist Security Group

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Welcome to the Specialist security group, this website has been specifically designed to give you all the information required to obtain an SIA license. You will find advice, tips and practical exercises to help you develop your career in the private security industry and get the most from your SIA course whether that be door supervision, security guarding, CCTV operator or close protection operative. Specialist Security Group - this website has been specifically designed to give you all the information required to obtain an SIA license and SIA Training. Phone

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## 0208 396 6460WHAT ARE SIA LICENCES?

The SIA issues two types of license, namely a front line license and a non-front line license. A front line license comes as a credit card sized plastic card and is required for designated licensable activity such as door supervision. In most licensable areas, a front line license requires the holder to have undergone specified training and assessment. A non-front line license is required by those who manage, supervise and/or employ individuals who engage in designated licensable activity, as long as front line activity is not carried out. A non-front line license is issued in the form of a letter.

### Who needs an SIA Licence?

An important feature of the Private Security Act 2001 is that it is the job role or function that is licensable, not the job title. In other words, you can call a door supervisor whatever you want to try to avoid licensing, but if they are carrying out one of the functions defined on the SIA website as a licensable activity, they must be licensed. It is the responsibility of the operative to ensure that he is properly licensed with the Security Industry Authority if he is required to be so, and that the licence is valid. This continues to be the case even where the operative is employed by a company that is a member of the Approved Contractor Scheme. The company employing the operative also has the responsibility for ensuring that operatives employed on licensable activities are properly licensed, and it is an offence to fail to fulfil this obligation. In other words you, the operative, are responsible for obtaining a license to work legally within the private security industry when this is required. You will be breaking the law if you work without a licence, and your employer will be breaking the law if they use unlicensed staff. The offence of working in a licensable security role or supplying unlicensed security staff without an SIA licence is triable either way. The penalties on summary conviction are a maximum of six months imprisonment and/or a fine of up to £5000, and the penalty on indictment is an unlimited fine and/or up to 5 years imprisonment. You should bear in mind that if you breach the licence conditions, the licence itself becomes invalid. This includes working when your licence has expired, working when you have left your licence at home, failing to respond to a request or instruction from the SIA regarding your license, or attempting to work using someone else's license. The following

categories of people will need a licence if working in the door supervision

industry:-Security contractors, directors of security companies and partners of security firms;  
Employees of security contractors, security companies and security firms;  
Agency operatives performing designated duties; whether they are directors or partners of the agency, employees of the agency or individuals who work for the agency on a contract basis;  
Employees who manage or supervise security operatives supplied under contract.

Please note; non-security firms would be exempt;  
Agency-supplied managers or supervisors of security operatives supplied under contract; Directors of security companies and partners of security firms who do not themselves carry out designated activities; In-house door supervisors and their employers, managers and supervisors. It should be noted that in-house door supervisors in casino and bingo premises do not need to be licensed, but contract staff do. If any of these categories of people do not hold a valid license, it is against the law to work in that capacity in the door supervisor industry. The SIA issues two types of license, namely a front line license and a non-front line license. A front line license comes as a credit card sized plastic card and is required for designated licensable activity such as door supervision. In most licensable areas, a front line license requires the holder to have undergone specified training and assessment. A non-front line license is required by those who manage, supervise and/or employ individuals who engage in designated licensable activity, as long as front line activity is not carried out. A non-front line license is issued in the form of a letter.

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the door to the moment you leave. We're continually striving to improve the in house training experience ensuring our clients enjoy the courses and have something to remember. That's why we offer a wide range of Security training solutions; finally a brand you can trust. Who are these courses for? If you are thinking about a career in the private security industry this course is for you. These courses are particularly popular with people seeking a career change. Although a full-time commitment is not always necessary, some candidates often choose to work part-time on site or while carrying out mobile patrols. Security courses are ideal for university leavers and students on a gap year or break from full-time education. Specialist Security Group approach learning strategically and systematically recognising the value of good education, we have invested significant time and effort in developing our SIA security courses.

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