



Nova Scotia Department of Justice

Security Programs Newsletter

If you have a comment, suggestion, and/or submission for our newsletter, please send them to deonarcl@gov.ns.ca or forsytke@gov.ns.ca

We are always looking for ways to better serve the industry

New Compliance Officer Position

By Karen Forsyth, Deputy Registrar

I am pleased to announce that Scott Furlotte, formerly with the Department of Education, has joined the staff in the Security Programs Office as a compliance officer. Scott comes to us from the Department of Education where, as an enforcement officer, his responsibilities included monitoring and compliance for the Apprenticeship Training and Skill Development Division.

Scott will be responsible for the effective monitoring of the *Private Investigators and Private Guards Act* and Regulations and will assist businesses and individuals to enhance compliance.

Scott can be reached at 424-0859.

Important Reminders

➔ All applications submitted that include requests for endorsements must be accompanied with verification of training and a company authorization request form.

➔ Applicants who were born outside of Canada must provide proof of eligibility to work in Canada or proof of Canadian citizenship in the form of immigration papers, Canadian citizenship papers, or a work visa. A social insurance number is not proof of legal entitlement to work in Canada.

Implementation of Summary Offence Tickets

The Department of Justice, Security Programs Office has joined other divisions and departments across government that use summary offence tickets.

The new ticketing process allows the Security Programs Office to issue summary offence tickets for a wide-range of violations of the *Private Investigators and Private Guards Act* or Regulations. Once a ticket has been issued, the recipient has the option of either an out-of-court settlement through payment of a fine, or a court appearance to contest the issuance of the ticket. Fines range from \$157.50 for offences such as failure to produce a license, up to \$675.00 for carrying on or advertising a security business without a license.

For additional information on summary offence tickets, please visit: http://www.courts.ns.ca/self_rep/provincial_summary_offence_tickets.pdf

Conference Reminder ~ Mark your Calendar!

Just a reminder that the Nova Scotia Department of Justice, Security Programs, will be hosting the 2006 Annual Conference of the **International Association of Security and Investigative Regulators (IASIR)**, November 6~9, 2006.



The venue for this year's event is the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel, located in the heart of downtown Halifax along the waterfront. For reservations, contact the hotel at 1-800-943-6760 and be sure to mention you are with the IASIR group. A block of rooms has been confirmed at a cost of \$125.00 (CDN) per night, single or double occupancy. This room rate will be extended for conference participants for three days prior to the conference and three days after, based on availability. Please make your reservations by **Monday, October 16th** to receive this special rate.

For more information, contact the IASIR office, P.O. Box 93, Waterloo, IA 50704, 888-357-2747 or contact@iasir.org. A tentative agenda and registration information will be available on IASIR's Website at www.iasir.org

Renewal Process for 2006/2007

Another annual licensing renewal is behind us.

As delays in renewals could result in license expiry and the inability of a company to carry on business, we make every effort to ensure the process is streamlined for the company.

Although the process went fairly well, there were issues that arose during renewals this year that impacted our expediency in processing company renewals.

- Incomplete business applications.
- Required attachments not submitted such as liability insurance certificate and Registry of Joint Stocks.
- Images submitted on disk or CD were saved in an unrecognized format, or were not saved in the applicant's first and last name, as requested. **Images should be saved as .jpg , .tif or .bmp files. (Preferably .jpg).**

- Company renewal notice was not submitted with the company renewal package.
- The requested photographs of uniforms and vehicles were not submitted.
- Renewal packages were not received by the March 1st deadline.
- Information checked off on the company renewal notice was inconsistent with the information supplied. (i.e., there were cases where an applicant was checked as being **renewed**, but **no** application had been submitted; renewal notice indicated **terminated**, but an application **was** submitted)

If you have any suggestions as to how we can assist you with this process, please do not hesitate to e-mail, phone, or forward your written ideas to this office.

Just a reminder that new requests for endorsements, or a change in the licensee's status, are to be submitted on a new application form.



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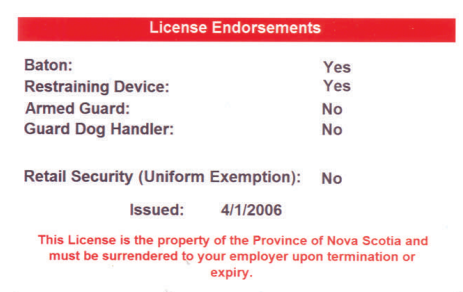
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Changes to the Private Investigators and Private Guards License



You may notice some changes to your 2006/2007 private investigator/guard license. The Security Programs Office will change the color of the license banners each year in order to ensure easy identification of current valid licenses. The license banner is RED for the 2006/2007 licensing year. We have also included the license endorsements on the back of the license. Approval must be indicated on the back of the license in order for the licensee to carry batons or restraining devices; provide the services of an armed guard or guard dog handler; or to obtain a uniform exemption for retail security, .

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