



# THE LOOKOUT

Information for the private security, private investigation and armoured vehicle industry in Nova Scotia

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## NEW FEE STRUCTURE—IMPLEMENTED APRIL 1, 2007

On April 1, 2007, the Government of Nova Scotia increased the user fees and government charges to help cover the overall rising costs of government programs and services.

A memorandum was distributed to all private investigator and private security businesses in Nova Scotia advising them of this change.

Payment by cheque is preferred. Cash is accepted, but exact change is required.

Private Investigators and Private Guards Act	New Fee
License to engage in the business of providing private investigators <b>or</b> private guards for hire or renewal	\$340.69
License to engage in the business of providing private investigators <b>and</b> private guards for hire or renewal	\$661.09
License to act as a private guard <b>or</b> private investigator or renewal	\$22.43
License to act as a private guard <b>and</b> private investigator or renewal	\$34.18
Identification tag for a guard dog or renewal thereof	\$22.43

**Reminder: October 1st ~ Fees reduced to half price**

## COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR SECURITY PROGRAMS



The Security Programs Office welcomes Lloyd Carter to the position of compliance officer.

Lloyd brings a broad knowledge of skills and experience in the security field and law enforcement.

Mr. Carter will be responsible for the effective monitoring of the Private Investigators and Private Guards Act and Regulations by conducting inspections and audits throughout Nova Scotia. Lloyd will also assist businesses and individuals to enhance compliance.

## UPDATE ON LEGISLATION REFORM OF SECURITY IN NOVA SCOTIA

A discussion paper and questionnaire was distributed to over 350 stakeholders in January 2007. From those 350 questionnaires, we received a 22% response rate.

The results of the question-

naire were compiled from the written submissions and results were forwarded to stakeholders and posted on the Security Programs website.

Stakeholder consultation meetings were held on June

19 and 20 in Halifax, and on June 28 in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Development of draft legislation is currently in progress.

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Applications are processed within **two (2) business days** under normal processing conditions and after a **complete application** is received by the Security Programs Office. **Please do not contact the office concerning the processing status prior to the end of business day two as continuous queries cause further delay.** Applications are processed in the order in which they are received.
- Office hours are 8:30-4:30. Applications will not be accepted after 4:30.



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*“Coming together is a beginning.  
Keeping together is a progress.  
Working together is a success.”*

*~ Henry Ford ~*



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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, SECURITY PROGRAMS WEBSITE**

The Department of Justice and the Security Programs websites can be useful tools when looking for up to date information.

By visiting [www.gov.ns.ca/just/](http://www.gov.ns.ca/just/) you can find information on Acts and regulations, contact information, N.S. Court System, Discussion Paper for Regulating Private Security in

the Province of Nova Scotia, and various links to other divisions within Justice.

By selecting Security Programs from the ‘Browse by Topics’ menu, you will find a list of licensed security, private investigator and armoured vehicle companies in Nova Scotia; application forms for starting a security,

private investigation or armoured vehicle business; individual application forms (including renewals); licensing requirements (under Permits Directory); request form for license upgrades, terminations, re-instatements and replacements.

**PROCESSING DELAYS/REVIEWS FOR OUTSTANDING FINES IN DEFAULT**

The Security Programs screening criteria policy for the issuance of licenses is uniformly applied to all applicants applying for a security or investigator license.

Outstanding fines in default, as a disqualifying point, is an issue that has been raised on numerous occasions.

The decision for placing applications under review for outstanding fines, is based on

the applicant’s failure to comply with the law and basically ignoring a court order for payment.

While the majority of outstanding fine amounts range from \$45 to \$200, there are applicants who have significant amounts owing. In cases like this, the courts are usually accommodating and may grant an order extending the time for payment. Applicants may appeal to the courts for

an extension. Proof of an extension must be submitted to the Security Programs Office prior to the granting of a license. As long as the fine is not in default, and there are no other disqualifying issues, a license may be granted.

We cannot ignore a situation where an individual requesting a license to be placed in a position of trust and authority chooses to ignore a court order.

**INDIVIDUAL LICENSING STATISTICS TO DATE**

License Type	April 1—July 31, 2007
Private Guard	1830
Private Investigator	161
Private Armed Guard	260
Dual (Private guard/investigator)	183
<b>Total</b>	<b>2434</b>