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Dear Stakeholder,

On September 2, 2011, the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services approved two regulation changes that affect the private security industry. I'm writing to share with you some details about how these regulatory changes will be implemented.

The first regulation concerns the term of licences for individual security guards and private investigators as well as licensed agencies.

Currently, all individual licences expire exactly one year from the date of issue. In order to spread the volume of renewals evenly throughout the year and improve customer service, the expiry date for individual licence holders will be the licensee's birthday. We are also increasing the term of licence from one to two years for agencies and renewing individual licence holders (once birth date expiry has been established). This change is in response to requests to streamline the application process and reduce the administrative burden on individual licence holders and agencies. These changes will take effect on January 30, 2012 and are described below:

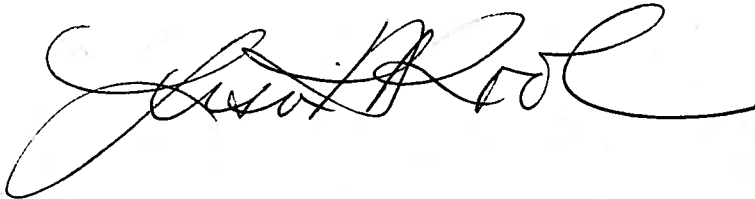
If you are an	And, if on January 30, 2012 you	You will	For your next renewal
Individual	Hold a valid/non-expired licence, e.g. expiry date January 30, 2012 or later	Receive by mail a new licence card which extends the licence term to your next birthday (DOB expiry), at no cost to you.	You will obtain a 2 year licence term for \$80 (or \$160 for a dual licence).
Individual	Hold an expired licence, e.g. expiry date January 29, 2012 or earlier, OR you do not hold a licence but intend to apply for one	Need to apply for an individual licence which will set the expiry to your next birthday plus one (1) year, for \$80 (or \$160 for a dual licence).	You will obtain a 2 year licence term for \$80 (or \$160 for a dual licence).
Agency	Intend to renew your agency licence, OR do not hold a licence but intend to apply for one	Need to apply for an agency licence to obtain a 2 year licence term for \$700 (or \$1,400 for a dual agency).	You will obtain a 2 year licence term for \$700 (or \$1,400 for a dual agency).

Please note: if you are a licence holder it is very important to ensure that you submit a complete and accurate application for a licence renewal well in advance of the licence expiry date to ensure continuity of licensing. For individual licence holders the Branch recommends no less than 30 days, for agency licence holders the Branch recommends no less than 90 days.

The other regulation change introduces a narrow exemption for out-of-province bodyguards providing bodyguard services to those in the film and television and industry, as long as the bodyguard holds a valid licence from another jurisdiction. This exemption is being introduced because many celebrities may hesitate to come to Ontario if they cannot travel with their personal security. It is designed to help the film and television industry maintain its international competitiveness as a choice destination for productions and related events. The vast majority of film and television security jobs, such as set and vehicle guarding, must, by law, be filled by security personnel licensed in Ontario.

The Ministry received feedback about these changes throughout the regulatory posting period, which helped shape the details of the new regulations. If you have any further questions, please call our customer service line at 416-212-1650 or toll-free at 1-866-767-7454 or visit our website at www.ontario.ca/private-security. To view the PSISA and its regulations please visit the "Act and Regulations" section of our website.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Kool', written in a cursive style.

Lisa Kool
Director / Registrar