

Am I Eligible for a NSW Security Licence?



To be eligible for a NSW security licence, you must meet suitability criteria required by security industry legislation. These fall into two main categories:

- 1. General; and**
- 2. Criminal and Other Related History.**

Please note that further probity and background checks will also be conducted that may affect your suitability. For further information, please contact the Security Licensing & Enforcement Directorate on 1300 362 001.

General Suitability Criteria

If you wish to be granted a NSW security licence, you must:

- be 18 years of age or over
- be a fit and proper person to hold the class of licence sought
- have the relevant competencies and experience required
- have successfully completed any required training and assessment
- be competent to carry on the security activity to which the proposed licence relates
- be an Australian/New Zealand citizen or permanent Australian resident, or hold a visa sponsored by a Master licence holder, or hold a visa for a skilled occupation to which the activities authorised by the proposed licence correspond
- provide acceptable documents that confirm your identity.

If you are not an Australian/New Zealand citizen or permanent Australian resident, you will need to provide a police certificate from each country you have lived in for 12 months or more over the previous 10 years since turning 16. Each certificate must be translated into English (if necessary) and verified by the relevant country's embassy/consulate in Australia. Police certificates submitted with an application will need to have been issued within 12 months prior to the application being lodged.

Criminal And Other Related History Suitability Criteria

You are not eligible to be granted a NSW security licence if you have:

- within the previous 10 years, been convicted in NSW or elsewhere of an offence prescribed by the regulations
- within the previous 5 years, been found guilty (but with no conviction recorded) by a court in NSW or elsewhere of an offence prescribed by the regulations
- within the previous 5 years, had imposed against you by a court or tribunal in NSW or elsewhere, a civil penalty prescribed by the regulations
- within the previous 10 years, been removed or dismissed from the NSW Police Force or any other jurisdiction (whether in Australia or overseas) on the grounds of your integrity as a police officer
- been involved in corrupt conduct.

You are also not eligible to be granted a NSW security licence if you are a registrable person or corresponding registrable person within the meaning of the *Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000*, and have reporting obligations under that Act.

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Prescribed Offences and Civil Penalties

The following are prescribed by the Security Industry Regulation 2016 and disqualify applicants from obtaining a NSW security licence. Offences and civil penalties:

- relating to firearms or weapons, where the offence would disqualify the person from holding a firearms licence
- relating to prohibited drugs, prohibited plants or restricted substances
- involving assault, where the penalty imposed is imprisonment, an intensive correction order, a community correction order, a conditional release order, a good behaviour bond, a community service order or a fine of \$200 or more
- involving assault, where guilt has been found but no conviction recorded and the Commissioner is of the opinion that it is a serious assault offence
- involving fraud, dishonesty or stealing where the maximum penalty is imprisonment of three months or more
- relating to robbery
- relating to riot
- relating to affray
- involving stalking or intimidation
- relating to reckless conduct causing death at a workplace
- relating to terrorism
- involving organised criminal groups and recruitment
- relating to industrial relations matters where a total of at least five offences have been committed by the applicant during any period of two years (in the case of an application for a master licence only).

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

The information provided in this Fact Sheet is for general guidance only. Applicants and licensees should familiarise themselves with the Security Industry Act 1997 and the Security Industry Regulation 2016, which are available on the NSW Legislation website (www.legislation.nsw.gov.au).