



UPDATE ON THE REGULATION OF PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANIES BY THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL SECURITY (ONS)

1. The National Security and Central Intelligence Act, 2023 gives the ONS the statutory responsibility to register, license and regulate private security companies and also imposes a penalty on companies that operate without a valid licence issued by the ONS. The following are Sections of the Act that relate to the registration, licensing and regulation of private security companies:

I. Section 24 (1) (k):

The Office of National Security shall be responsible to make regulations to regulate private security companies.

II. Section 31 (1):

Subject to this Act, an individual, group of individuals or corporate entity shall not operate a private security service in Sierra Leone, unless on the authority of a licence issued by the Office of National Security for that purpose.

III. Section 31(2):

An individual, group of individuals or corporate entity who wishes to operate a private security service in Sierra Leone shall apply in writing to the National Security Coordinator, for licence for that purpose, in the prescribed manner and accompanied by the prescribed fee.

II. Section 31 (3):

The National Security coordinator shall within 60 days upon receipt of an application, grant or refuse to grant n application for licence under subsection (2).

III. Section 31 (5):

A licence issued under subsection (3) shall be renewed annually, subject to the payment of the prescribed fee.

IV. Section 31 (6):

The holder of a licence issued under subsection (3) shall renew his licence 3 months before the expiration of the licence.

V. Section 31 (7):

Where the holder of a licence fails to renew his licence within the specified period, the licence shall be revoked upon its expiry date and the holder shall cease to operate as a private security company or pay a penalty as may be prescribed by the office of National Security.

VI. Section 31 (8):

An individual, group of individuals or corporate private security service provider who operates in Sierra Leone without a valid licence commits an offence and is liable to a fine of not less than 50,000.00 Leones or to imprisonment for a term of not less than 5 years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

2. The following are the private security companies **that are fully licensed and holds valid licence issued by the ONS** as at 6th June 2023:

SN	Name of Company	Address	License Validity
1	Matrix Protection Services	12 Main Motor Road, Brookfield	15-3-2024
2	Pendrax Security (SL) Ltd	9 Waterside Road, Wilberforce	16-3-2024
4	Absolute Security Force & Logistics	7 Femi Turner Drive, Marjay Town, off Goderich	12-4-2024
5	G4 Secure Solutions (SL) Ltd	6 Spur Road, Freetown	25-4-2024
6	Hamzie Protection Security Services	15 Regent Road, Lumley	30-3-2024

7	Bocktang Security Limited	1A Third Street, Mambo, off Peninsular Road	27-2-2024
8	Sharp Security Services Company Ltd	23 Edward Street, Freetown	28-2-2024
9	Jordan Security Agency	35 Nelson Lane, Tengbeh Town	18-5-2024
10	Dedicated Security Agency (SL) Ltd	18 Dan Lane, off Kissy Road, Freetown	28-2-2024
11	Nuhad Kelleh Eagle Security	24 Minah Drive, Juba Hill, Freetown	18-5-2024
12	Mount Everest Security Agency Limited	59 Regent Road, Hill Station, Freetown	26-4-2024
13	PROTEC (SL) LTD	6 Boyle Lane, off Murray Town Road, Freetown	18-4-2024
14	Airborne Security	89A Peninsular Road, Goderich, F/Town	26-4-2024
15	Africa Logistics & Investment Company (ALIC) Ltd	11 Freetown Road, Wilberforce, Freetown	22-3-2024
16	Michel Security Agency	10 Sir Samuel Lewis Road, Aberdeen	14-4-2024
17	Impacts Logistics & General Services Ltd	2 Robert Drive, off Peninsular Road, Goderich	28-6-2023
18	Invictus Security & Logistics	21 Small Waterloo Street, Freetown	28-6-2023
19	Jadtee General Services	172B Lahai Taylor Street, off Wilkinson Road, Freetown	03-8-2023
20	Angel Security Company	7 Fergusson Street, Freetown	25-8-2023

21	Esscon Security Company	31B Spur Road, Wilberforce, Freetown	25-8-2023
22	Good Citizen Security Unit Limited	66 Freetown Road, Lumley, Freetown	29-8-2023
23	Circle West Security Company	67 Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown	1-9-2023
24	Ziral Read Security & Logistics (SL) Ltd	1 Ahmed Drive, off Sir Samuel Lewis Drive, Aberdeen	15-9-2023
25	H&S Security and House Help Agency	1 Jah Drive, Ogoo Farm, off Main Peninsular Road, Goderich	20-10-2023
26	Coastal Equity Security Company	3 Main Motor Road, Grafton	20-10-2023
27	Safe Environment for All (SEFAL)	11 Percival Street, Freetown	26-10-2023
28	Lion Hills Security	23 Yardu Road, Koidu City	20-10-2023
29	K J Security & Travel Company Ltd	83 Wellington Street, Freetown	01-11-2023
30	Francia Company Limited	4 Barracks Road, Murray Town, Freetown	01-10-2023
31	Coast Guard Protective Services	30 Waterloo-Freetown Highway, Rokel	8-11-2023
32	Dragon Security agency	125 Bai Bureh Road, Freetown	07-07-2023
33	A.K. Security & Logistics Services	40 Freetown Road, Lumley	18-01-2024
34	Titan Security (SL) Ltd	29 Regent Road, Lumley, Freetown	28-02-2024
35	Njai Security & Logistics (SL) Ltd	22 Campbell Street, Freetown	16-03-2024

36	International Security System & services (IS3)	34A Main Motor Road, Congo Cross, Freetown	16-03-2024
37	Advanced Security & Management Services	3 Main Motor Road, Congo Cross, Freetown	07-03-2024
38	Peace Security Agency	7 McCarthy street, Bo	06-03-2024
39	Gilcorp Security Services Limited	5 Barracks Road, Makeni	29-05-2024
40	Bluesky Security Company Limited	48 Tecko Road, Makeni	30-05-2024
41	Sky Security Company	66 Maxwell Street, Wellington	7-7-2023
42	Teflon Security Limited	Black Tank, Sussex Village	17-5-2024
43	Trust Security Services	5 Bailey Street, Brookfields	20-10-2023

3. The licences of the private security companies listed below had expired and are therefore not authorized by the ONS to operate in Sierra Leone until they renew their licences:

SN	Name of Company	Address
1	N'dossa Security Agency	2 nd Big House, Main Motor Road, Adonkia, Goderich
2	JJeng Security Services	11 Pademba Road, Freetown
3	Allied Global security (AGS)	19 Jalloh Drive, via Kabala Highway, Makeni
4	Modern Security Limited	9 Josiah Drive, Lumley
5	Strategic Aegis Ethical Security (SAGE)	127 Main Motor Road, Lumpa
6	LGP (SL) Limited	36 Barthurst Street, Freetown
7	Quality Management, Logistics & Supply Chain Services (SL) Ltd	599c Bai Bureh Road, Allen Town

8	Security Support Group International (SSGI)	186 Wilkinson Road, Freetown
9	Mamansa Logistics & Security Services	3 Ronietta Drive, Magbenteh, Makeni City
10	Life Guard Security Services (SL) Ltd	28B Beach Road, Lumley
11	Frontier Security & Logistics	47 Ronsab Drive, Freetown
12	Marall's Security Services	35 Mends Street, Freetown
13	Kamso Investment (SL) Ltd	2 College Road, Leicester
14	IC (SL) Diplomatic Security Ltd	20 Spur Loop, Wilberforce
15	K M Security Agency	11 Kennedy Street, Freetown
16	Webb's Security Agency	6 Old Railway Line, Brookfields
17	Yamjan Protection Agency	30 Cape Road, Aberdeen
18	Hughes Security Company	54 Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown
19	360 Degrees Security Solutions (SL) Ltd	125 Wilkinson Road, Freetown
20	Heritage general services	34 Jones Street, Freetown
21	Effiong Security Agency	41 Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown
23	Special security Services (SL) Ltd	16 Dougan Street, Freetown
24	Mano River Consortium	18 Lumley Street, Freetown
25	Carl marg Security Services Ltd	39 Femi Turner Drive, Goderich
26	Gadmo Security Agency	90 Mahei Boima Road, Bo
27	Pentagon Security Agency	5 Howe Street, Freetown
28	Vinmart Security Services (SL) Ltd	Magbema Highway, Makeni
29	Unity Security Company	10 Kamara Lane, off Gbangbatoke Road, Moriba Town
30	Nylander Security Strategies & Logistics	40 Sani Abacha Street, Freetown
31	Sierra Watch Security & Logistics Services	4 Brima Drive, off Peninsular Road, Goderich

33	Three Keys (SL) Ltd	21 Hannah benka Coker Street, Freetown
36	Leone International Security Company Limited	7A New Signal Hill Road, Congo Cross, Freetown
37	Supreme Security Sierra Leone Limited	273 Bai bureh Road, freetown
38	Samkossaba Security	121 Pademba Road, Freetown
39	Classic Bam security	152 Bai Bureh Roaf, freetown
40	Provincial Security Agency	9 Bungalow Road, Koidu City
41	Beowulf Worldwide (SL) Ltd	20 Spur Loop, Wilberforce
42	Executive Protocol & Logistics Services	8 James Drive, Hill Station
43	Wintay's Protect Limited	14 Dillet Street, Freetown
44	Moscon Security Agency	3 Pimbi Lane, Koidu City

4. Annually, the ONS collaborates with the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MLSS), National revenue Authority (NRA), National Social Security & Insurance Trust (NASSIT) and the Sierra Leone Police (SLP) to monitor the operations of private security companies to determine their level of compliance to the ONS regulatory framework and compliance with other national laws and regulations. The findings and recommendations of such exercise are shared with the private security companies in stakeholders' meetings.
5. The ONS has developed draft Private Security Company Licensing Regulations which will serve as the blueprint for the effective regulation of the private security companies in Sierra Leone. The said document will be validated by the relevant stakeholders before it is popularized and operationalized.