

NSI Bulletin - Issue 9:

Topic: Security Confidence with NSI Guarding Gold and Silver Companies

Trusted Third Party Certificated providers give confidence to buyers and those who specify their services. By selecting these independently verified companies, you have reassurance you are working with providers that uphold the highest standards in their respective fields.

The UK's leading providers in security services

Within the security services industry NSI offers two levels of approval which are crucial in distinguishing top-tier providers: Guarding Gold and Guarding Silver. Both certifications are based on British Standards and NSI Codes of Practice, with Guarding Gold companies holding additional approval to ISO 9001, the most well recognised and adopted Quality Management System worldwide, driving continuous improvement for the benefit of both their business and their clients.

NSI Guarding Gold and Silver certifications represent the highest standards of excellence within the security industry. These certifications are only awarded to the UK's leading companies that consistently demonstrate exceptional commitment to quality and adhere to stringent industry standards including:

- BS 10800 and BS 7499 – for static guarding security services
- BS 10800 and BS 7984-3 – for mobile security services
- BS 7984-1 - for keyholding and response
- BS 7858 – for screening of individuals working in a secure environment
- BS EN ISO 9001 Quality Management System requirements (Guarding Gold approval only)

To achieve this certification NSI approved companies undergo regular, rigorous audits conducted by NSI's highly trained auditors to evaluate various aspects such as operational procedures and staff competence. This ensures NSI-approved companies continuously evolve and adapt to meet emerging threats and industry developments.

The Benefits of NSI's Passport Route to the SIA Approved Contractor Scheme

NSI's Passport Route offers a streamlined pathway for NSI Guarding Gold and Silver companies to attain the Security Industry Authority's (SIA) Approved Contractor Scheme (ACS).

The SIA ACS is a framework for regulated businesses to develop and promote best practice in a range of security services including door supervision and close protection. By obtaining ACS status, NSI Guarding Gold and Silver companies expand their service offering as being independently assessed to a recognised level of performance, further consolidating their position as trusted security providers. This enables companies to focus on maintaining their high service standards while working towards ACS status, with the cost efficiency benefitting both the security providers and their clients.

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Instead of duplicative assessments, the Passport Route recognises the rigorous standards already achieved by NSI Guarding Gold and Silver companies, combining the relevant requirements saves time, cost and resources for companies seeking ACS status.

Conclusion

By specifying and contracting NSI Guarding Gold and Silver companies and utilising the Passport Route, security buyers and insurers can confidently select providers that demonstrate a commitment to excellence, cutting-edge security measures, continuous improvement and streamlined processes.

NSI News

Upcoming British Standard, BS 10119 for the Provision of Labour in the Security and Events Sector, will take forward NSI's Code of Practice NCP 119 which addresses potential weaknesses in security labour procurement. *(Published in Security Matters magazine in June 2023)*

<https://www.flipsnack.com/E59F88BBDC9/security-matters-june-2023/full-view.html>

Practical cyber resilience strategies for organisations and installers in countering cyber resilience threats in a fast-changing and complex environment. *(Published in the Summer edition of City Security magazine)*

<https://content.yudu.com/web/3zs7s/0A3zs7y/CSMSummer2023/html/index.html?page=30&origin=reader>

Fire safety protection is an increasingly important, and in many instances, a legally mandatory issue, involving those responsible for the integrity of commercial property. *(Published online in the Landsite in May 2023)*

<https://www.thelandsite.co.uk/articles/fire-risk-assessments-underpin-growing-importance-of-fire-safety-protection>

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