

## **ATTENTION LICENSED SECURITY, INVESTIGATION AND LOCKSMITH COMPANIES**

Due to the current health emergency, the Security Services and Investigators Program has been assessing service delivery and identifying measures that may be put in place to assist companies and individuals licensed under the *Security Services and Investigators Act*.

The contributions of the industry to the safety of Albertans in light of the CPOVID-19 pandemic are well understood. However, it is uncertain how long police services will be providing criminal record checks, registry offices and our office will remain open.

**To assist the industry during this time, an Order in Council has been issued under section 52.1(3) of the *Public Health Act*, extending the expiry dates to allow businesses and individuals to continue to operate.**

**The expiry dates will be extended on all business and individual licenses expiring between March 9, 2020, and July 1, 2020, to allow the businesses and individuals to continue to operate.**

- This extension does not pertain to those businesses or individuals currently not licensed. New applications are currently be received and processed until further notice.
- Those renewal applications already received by the Security Services and Investigators Program will continue to be processed until further notice. Expiry dates on issued renewal licenses will supersede the above-mentioned extension dates.
- The expiry dates on temporary licenses will also be extended to July 1, 2020.
- The terms and conditions of the current licenses will remain in force. This Order in no way expands the current authority of licensed businesses and individuals. All reporting obligations remain in place.
- If certification to carry a baton expires, this extension does not apply and the individual must cease the use of this equipment immediately.
- This does not apply to licensees with temporary foreign worker or student work permits. All government documents must be kept up to date with the Program office.
- The end date for this extension is subject to change as the public health response changes. Licensees will be notified as changes come into force.

If clarification is required, please contact the Security Services and Investigators Program at 1-877-462-0791 or [ssia.registrar@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ssia.registrar@gov.ab.ca).

It is important to note that there are limitations to the authority of the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General to suspend the requirements of legislation under a public health emergency. As a result, this Order does not apply to new applications for licensing. Our office and the participating Alberta Registries offices will continue to process licenses while we are able.

The Security Services and Investigators Program will continue to monitor the impacts of service delivery changes on the industry and notify you should any further changes be implemented. In the event our offices are closed, staff will continue to monitor and respond to emails at [ssia.registrar@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ssia.registrar@gov.ab.ca).