



Introduction & General Information

About the MPSA

The MPSA was established in 2024 with the joint aim of representing licensed private security companies or PGA's (Private Guard Agencies) in Malta & Gozo, Gozo being our smaller sister island. The MPSA currently comprises of 7 members, all 7 being founding members and collectively employing around 4,000 personnel.

The MPSA was founded by like-minded individuals who, despite being each other's competitors, were able to put aside competition and together we are now working towards the betterment of our industry. Despite the MPSA being established earlier last year, we have already managed to engage in numerous meetings with Ministers & Government officials and we have started to address various key issues related to employment and policies within the security industry.

Our aim is to work alongside our European counterparts through CoESS so that we may contribute in whatever way necessary. We also look forward to expanding our member base so that we may strengthen our association's presence not only in the eyes of the public but also with the authorities. In doing so, we hope to better promote the interests of our members and work towards improving our industry.

The Private Security Industry in Malta

There are 38 licensed PGA's (Private Guard Agencies) that primarily provide static guarding (including crowd management in places of entertainment), specialized CIT services and private investigations. There are a total of 6,000 private guards in Malta & Gozo and the private security industry generates just under €100,000,000 per annum (2023 - *National Statistics Office*). Out of the total 6,000 personnel, there are;

- 5,500 +/- Private Guards
- 110 x Private Guards for Places of Entertainment
- 152 x Private Guard - Specialized (Driving)
- 155 x Private Guard - Specialized (non-Driving)

The workforce operating in the industry is mainly comprised of Maltese workers, however a large percentage are also EU and Third Country Nationals. There is currently no official statistic on the number of Maltese personnel providing services to the Public sector through PGA's, however it is common knowledge that Maltese personnel form the majority of the workforce employed within this sector. Not unlike most countries, PGA's provide security services to the public sector through a procurement and tendering process.

The most common services provided by PGA's are:

- Static Guarding
- Security at Places of Entertainment (including Events)
- CIT
- Security Searches & Screening (use of X-Ray Baggage Scanners & Metal Detector Walk Throughs – These services are provided at the Airport, Parliament, Ministries and High Profile/High Risk Summits & Events)
- Private Investigations

Additionally, some PGA's specialize in the following fields:

- Maritime & Port Security
- Airport Security
- VIP Protection
- Crowd Safety Management (for mass events)

Areas where security services are provided to the Public sector (PGA's);

- Health Sector (Hospitals & Clinics)
- Ministries, Government Departments & Parliament
- Asylum Seeker & Detention Centres
- Education Department – Schools & Universities

Some companies also provide CCTV & Alarm systems. Cyber Security however is not considered to be part of the Security Industry in Malta. This normally falls under the IT Sector.

General information about Malta

The Maltese archipelago is found in the centre of the Mediterranean Sea, just South of Sicily and consist of 3 islands, Malta, Gozo and Comino, the latter being uninhabited. Malta is a member of the European Union, and the population currently stands at just over 500,000 with the official spoken languages being Maltese and English. Being strategically in the centre of the Mediterranean, throughout history Malta has always been a hub for trade as it was a stepping stone for merchants travelling from Africa to Europe and across the Mediterranean Sea. This resulted in Malta becoming a melting pot of cultures, trade and history.

From ancient megalithic temples, cities built by the Knights, remains of the Phoenicians and the great Roman Empire up to World War 2, our islands have an extremely rich history making Malta one of Europe's top destinations for holiday goers seeking to immerse themselves in our rich culture. When one considers the sunny weather and warm temperatures, it is easy to understand why Malta is an ideal tourist destination for all age groups as the annual number of tourists in 2024 was recorded at around 3.5 million, with this year's expectations are set to be even higher.

Over the past years Malta has also made a name for itself in the entertainment industry and is one of Europe's top destinations for festival goers with Malta hosting the biggest names in the music and entertainment industry year after year. Malta is also a popular choice for film producers for setting scenes of ancient times and incorporating our beautiful scenery. Some popular films that were filmed in are Gladiator 1 & 2, Troy, Games of Thrones and so many more.