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**SECURITY OFFICER SERVICES APPRENTICESHIP SCOTLAND RECEIVES APPROVAL TO LAUNCH**

Skills for Security will be launching a Security Officers Services Apprenticeship imminently in Scotland with the training delivered by the Security Industry Training Organisation (SITO).

This landmark apprenticeship provides security officers with the most up-to-date training to develop the skills and expertise needed for a modern, professional security officer.

The apprenticeship itself will cover First Aid, Health & Safety and SIA licence (public space surveillance, door supervisor, security officer) followed by an opportunity to specialise in Public Space Surveillance, Door Supervisor or Security Office. Each of the specialisms will cover the following requirements:

- Assessing & Controlling risks
- Recognise the security needs of stakeholders
- Identify and assess threats
- Ensure compliance with regulations and provide device
- Ensure security of communications GDPR compliance
- Conflict Management
- Use communication effectively whilst also presenting a professional image
- Develop interpersonal skills that are accustomed to security operations

David Scott, Managing Director, Skills for Security said: “Some excellent news for our sector. After many years of development and consultation, we finally received full approval for the Scottish Providing Security Officer Services Apprenticeship. It has taken time and the efforts of many people to see this over the line, but we are extremely pleased to see the start of our first cohorts of learners being enrolled imminently throughout the whole of Scotland. I firmly believe that this is a vital step in professionalising the sector and attracting new talent into the sector.

“Thank you so much for all the support, a personal thanks should go to Russel Kerr from SecuriGroup who was instrumental in seeing this over the line, the BSIA for financially supporting the project and Highfield for the development of the SVQ qualification. I am excited to see thousands of apprentices complete the programme over the coming years.”

The first cohort of learners will be starting at the beginning of 2022.

Please email [info@skillsforsecurity.org.uk](mailto:info@skillsforsecurity.org.uk) for more information on the apprenticeship delivery or how to reserve a spot.

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**Notes to editors**

**Skills for Security** is the UK's largest fire and security apprenticeship provider, playing a key role in apprenticeship training across the Electronic Fire & Security sector in the North West and beyond, through a range of mixed delivery methods that has a reach like no other across the whole of England.

Based in Warrington, Skills for Security is rated by Ofsted as 'good' and has satellite training centres in Birmingham, Bradford and Southport.

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The **British Security Industry Association (BSIA)** is the trade association for the professional security industry in the UK.

BSIA members are responsible for more than 70% of privately provided UK security products and services (by turnover) including the manufacture, distribution and installation of electronic and physical security equipment and the provision of security guarding and consultancy services. Their members are industry professionals ranging in size from global companies to small and medium enterprises, offering quality products and services to a vast spectrum of end-users.

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