



IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ IT ALL.

Future Licensing and Regulation of Private Investigators in the UK

At this time, there is a lot of confusion as to what is happening with regard to the licensing of the private investigation industry and, unfortunately, this is putting off many people who want to enter the profession and start their own investigation agencies. This is mainly due to the uncertainty of what is actually happening and the worry of wasting a lot of money on an expensive training course that is ultimately likely not to be acceptable for obtaining a license, if or when, they may be introduced.

The UKPIN have realised this problem and to facilitate potential students that wish to start an investigation agency now, or in the very near future, have drastically reduced the price of its investigation training course to allow them to do so without the risk of high financial loss. This has been done because the UKPIN believes that it is important that new people continue to come into the industry and bring with them fresh attitudes and new ideas. Once trained, they are more than welcomed into the UKPIN Network

Please read on for a full explanation:

THE CURRENT LICENSING SITUATION

There is currently no licensing or regulation of the private investigation industry in the UK and anyone can set up as a private investigator and start trading immediately.

The Home Secretary Theresa May has stated that The Private Security Industry Act 2001 defines the licensable activities of private investigations and The Home Office intends to review this definition to ensure that it remains fit for purpose.



Home Secretary: Theresa May

As recently as April 2014, she has stated that the SIA would license private investigators. However it's not likely that the Coalition will do either before the election.

Some of the measures she intends to put in place need a new law, such as giving the regulator the power to impose fines, rather than going through the courts - this does need new primary legislation.

In the light of the "Leveson Enquiry", she is also extremely concerned about adequately protecting personal data and data communications; again, this may require some new legislation to include our industry.

The Home Office has only said that it is working to put such law in place as soon as possible."

The **SIA** is the Security Industry Authority, who will regulate the future licensing of private investigators, after it is passed to them by the Government.

All of these matters are still with Parliament and has yet to be decided upon: before it is even passed in law and then handed over to the SIA for interpretation, implementation and training decisions taken.

We recently spoke to a representative of the SIA who said that it is advising prospective students for private investigation training **NOT** to purchase an expensive training course until the SIA know what the criteria from the Government will be, They stated that it is highly likely that any current courses will not conform to any new training standards and requirements that they may have to bring in and could well be waste of the students money.

The anticipated introduction of licensing, yet again, has officially been put back to next year and there is no definitive or clear indication when licensing will be actually introduced: this has been going on for years. In terms of time, the date by which you will have actually put "pen to paper" and apply for a license could be, at least, 2 to 3 years from now or even longer.

Currently, there is **NO** private investigation course, 'accredited' or otherwise, that can guarantee that you will obtain a license when it is introduced. The new standard has not been defined yet, therefore, it is not possible to create a training course for criteria that does not exist.

WHAT DOES 'ACCREDITED' MEAN?

You should not be confused over the word "Accredited." **It has nothing, whatsoever, to do with the licensing of private investigators.** It simply means that it is recognised by one of the many authorised vocational training organisations that offer and oversee courses, such as a Btec or Level 3 award.

WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS NOW?

1. **Risk paying a substantial amount of money**, anything from £450 to £700+ to take a private investigation course that may not be acceptable to the licensing authorities and then have to pay for another one at a similar price that is approved when the licensing criteria is finally set.
2. **Wait until licensing is finally introduced** and then take a course that you can guarantee to meet any new criteria set by the SIA. The only problem about this option is that you could be waiting several years before this happens and that is no good for you if you want to become a Private Investigator now or in the near future.
3. **Take the following opportunity and become a Private Investigator Now!** Given that the best position to be in when licensing is eventually introduced is to be an established trading Private Investigator, you can take a training course **NOW** that has been designed to teach you to be not only Private Investigator but also shows you to how to set up and establish the business. Naturally, that course needs to be very affordable and at such a price that it will allow you financially to purchase a licensable course, if or when, they are introduced to help qualify you for a license.

THE SOLUTION

We at UKPIN Training have been fully aware of this situation and understand that many potential students wish to start their new careers as Private Investigators, sooner than later. However, they are naturally concerned about paying out a large sum of money on a course that may not get them a license when it is introduced. To solve this problem we have **drastically reduced our complete course price from £499 to only £149** to enable you to affordably obtain the training you need to start your new Private Investigation Agency **NOW** and, as importantly, to become established and experienced before any licensing regulation that may come in. **This will give you a saving of £350.**

What does this mean? This pricing will allow you to take our **FULL** training course, inclusive of the examination, and then set up your new Private Investigation Agency. At **only £149 for the course**, it is well worth paying out for to get you trained, established and ready for licensing should it eventually come in, even if you have to then pay out later for some approved training, with us or another training provider. **It also means that you can start trading as a Private Investigator now and easily cover the costs of any further courses later down the line from your new private investigation agency profits.**

At £149 for the course, it is also well worth taking just to see if you would like to progress a new career in private investigation.

You should note that **this is our full training course, the full price of which is normally £499 and is saving you a massive £350 on your training costs.**

This is a career opportunity of a lifetime. It is very unlikely that you will get such a chance again to train and actually get your own successful investigation agency up and running for such a price and with people who know what they are talking about

We can only take a limited amount of students, so make sure you are one of them.

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