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147,729
TOTAL

Security Firm / Master Licence holders
11,170
TOTAL



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ASIAL SECURITY INDUSTRY LICENSING REPORT 2020

The private security industry performs a key role as part of Australia’s national security mix, yet often security licence numbers used by research companies and government have been inaccurate. To remedy this and ensure there is access to an accurate and credible source of data on security industry licence information, ASIAL has sourced data directly from State and Territory regulators.

The ASIAL Security Industry Licensing Report 2020 provides a state and territory overview of security licence numbers as at the end of December 2019. It is intended that the report will be published on an annual basis to provide a regular snapshot of licence data and trends, as well as providing a better understanding of the industry’s capability and growth.

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- ▶ ACT – Access Canberra
- ▶ NSW – Security Licensing & Enforcement Directorate, NSW Police
- ▶ NT – Department of the Attorney-General and Justice
- ▶ QLD – Office of Fair Trading
- ▶ SA – Consumer and Business Services
- ▶ TAS-Consumer Building and Occupational Services, Department of Justice
- ▶ VIC – Licensing & Regulation Division, VIC Police
- ▶ WA – Licensing Services, WA Police

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Individual security licence holders – as at 7 February 2020 was 4,716.

Master Licence holders – as at 7 February 2020 was 388.

	New individual licence applications	Individual licence cancellations/ terminations
1 Jan – 31 Dec 2019	1,309	2
	New master licence applications	Individual licence cancellations/ terminations
1 Jan – 31 Dec 2019	80	3

NEW SOUTH WALES

Individual security licence holders – as at 31 December 2019 was 53,657.

1A Unarmed Guard	45,013
1B Bodyguard	1,535
1C Crowd Controller	42,703
1D Guard Dog Handler	643
1E Monitoring Centre Operator	17,469
1F Armed Guard	2,170
2A Security Consultant	1,692
2B Security Installer	9,980
2C Security Equipment Specialist	10,780
2D Security Trainer	818

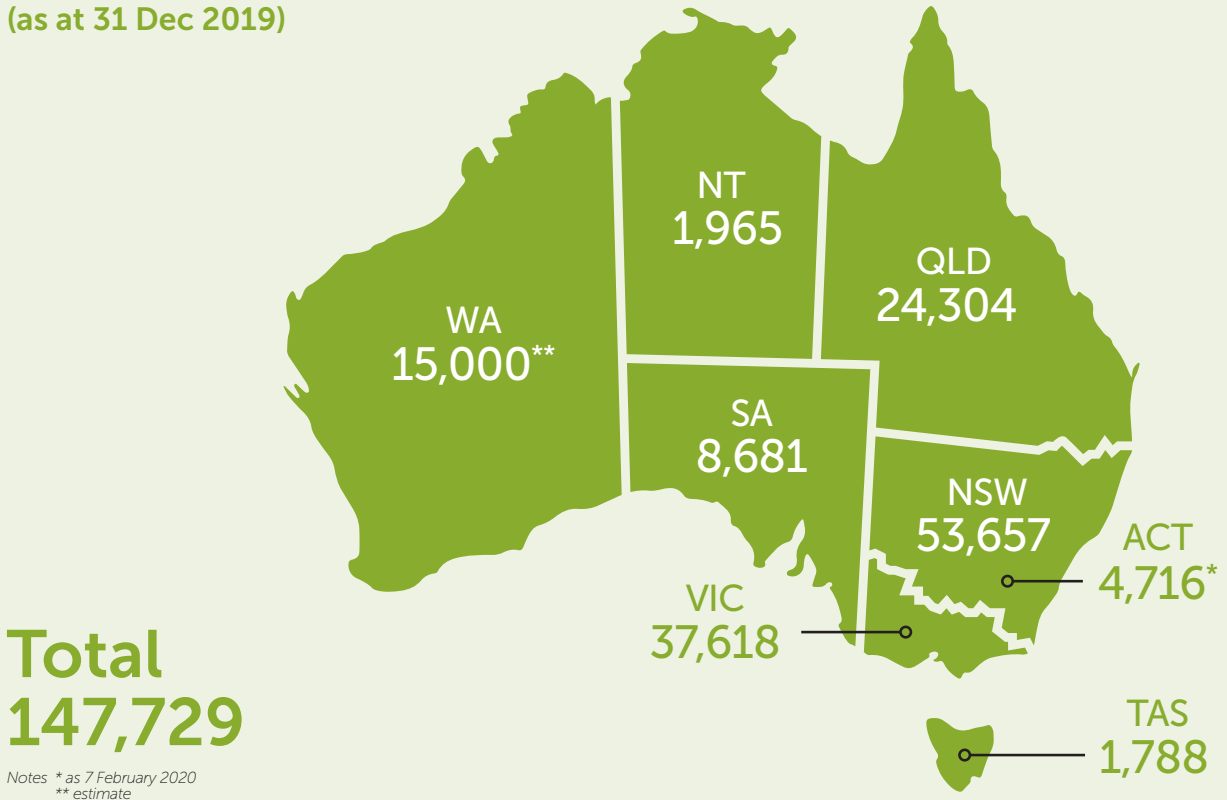
Master licence holders as at 31 December 2019 – was 4,924.

MA – Self Employed	966
MB – Authorised to provide no more than 3 persons	2,435
MC – Authorised to provide no more than 14 persons	1,005
MD – Authorised to provide no more than 49 persons	344
ME – Authorised to provide unlimited no. of persons	174
Total	4,924

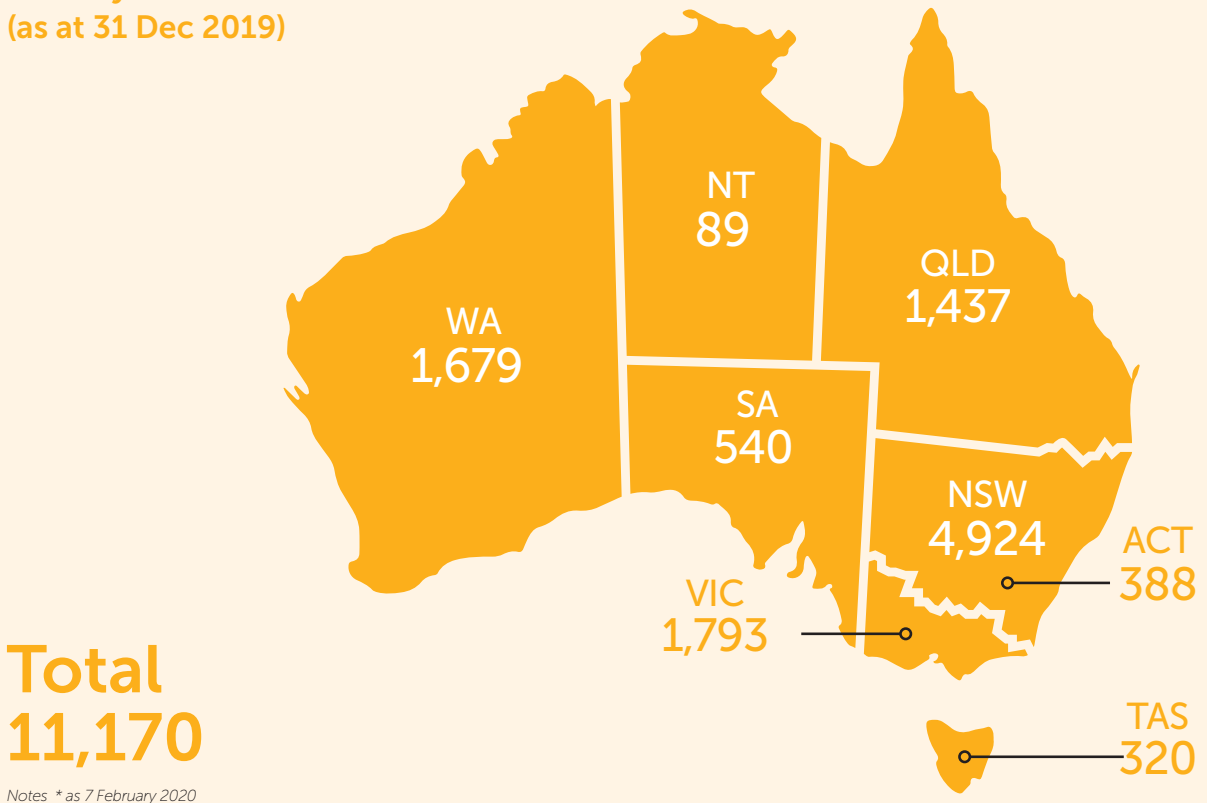
	New individual licence applications	Individual licence cancellations/ terminations
1 Jan – 31 Dec 2019	7,811	554 (includes 190 of which were due to failure to collect licence)
	New master licence applications	Master licence cancellations/ terminations
1 Jan – 31 Dec 2019	941	109



Individual security licence holders
(as at 31 Dec 2019)



Security Firm / Master Licence holders
(as at 31 Dec 2019)



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NORTHERN TERRITORY

Individual security licence holders – as at 31 December 2019 there were 1,965 individual licence holders.

Licence function	No.
Crowd Controller's Licence Only	79
Security Officer and Crowd Controller	1,662
Security Officer's Licence Only	224
Total	1,965

Security Firm licence holders – as at 31 December 2019 there were 98 security firm licence holders.

Company/Firm licences	No.
Company	83
Firm	6
Total	98

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2019	New individual licences approved	Individual licences expired
Crowd Controller's Licence Only	20	23
Security Officer and Crowd Controller	576	551
Security Officer's Licence Only	83	74
Total	679	648

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2019	Firm Licence applications	Firm licences expired
	46	38

QUEENSLAND

Individual security licence holders – as at 31 December 2019 there were 24,304 individual security licence holders in Queensland.

Security Firm licences – as at 31 December 2019 there were 1,437 security firm licence holders.

Between 1 January and 31 December 2019, 131 individuals licence applications were refused and 225 cancelled. During the same period 10 security firm licences were cancelled.

	New individual licence applications	Individual licence refused/cancelled
1 Jan – 31 Dec 2019	5,043; (unrestricted 5,018; restricted 25)	356; (refused – 131; cancelled – 225)
	New security firm licence applications	Security firm licence refused/cancelled
1 Jan – 31 Dec 2019	247	10; (refused – 0; cancelled – 10)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Individual security licence holders – as at 31 December 2019 there were 8,681 individual security licence holders.

Security firm licence holders – as at 31 December 2019 there were 523 security company licence holders.

	New individual licences issued	Individual licences cancelled/terminated
1 Jan – 31 Dec 2019	1,217	1,018
	New Security Firm Licences issued	Firm licences cancelled/terminated
1 Jan – 31 Dec 2019	63	52

TASMANIA

As at 31 December 2019 there were 1,788 individual security licence holders.

Class/activity	No.
Commercial Employee	13
Crowd Control	1633
Security Guard General	1732
Monitoring Room Operator	389
Bodyguard	26
Permitted to use Guard Dog	7
Permitted to Carry Firearm	55
Permitted to Carry Baton	21
Permitted to Carry Handcuffs	20
Exemption to Display Licence	4
Total Licensed Security Guards – Employee Level	1,788

Note: The figures above reflect multiple licence classes held by individual security licence holders.

Individual Agent – The total number of licensed individual agents as 31 December 2019 was 247.

Commercial Agent	28
Crowd Control	135
Security Guarding General	151
Monitoring Room Operator	70
Bodyguard	47
Permitted to use Guard Dog	4
Permitted to Carry Firearm	33
Permitted to Carry Baton	9
Permitted to Carry Handcuffs	9
Exemption to Display Licence	1
Inquiry Agent	104
Total Licensed Individual Agents	247

Note: The figures above reflect multiple licence classes held by individual licensed agents.



Body Corporate Agent – The total number of body corporate agents as 31 December 2019 was 73.

Class/activity	No.
Commercial Agent	11
Crowd Control	34
Security Guarding General	45
Monitoring Room Operator	22
Bodyguard	8
Inquiry Agent	27

Note: The figures above reflect multiple licence classes held by body corporate agents.

	New individual licence applications	Individual licence cancellations/suspended
1 Jan – 31 Dec 2019	409	0
	Approved new Individual Agent/ Body Corporate Agent	Business licence cancellations
1 Jan – 31 Dec 2019	27	0

VICTORIA

Individual licence holders as at 31 December 2019 – The number of individual security licence holders as at 31 December 2019 was 33,138.

Crowd Controller, Security Guard	28,701
Security Guard	1,202
Bodyguard, Crowd Controller, Security Guard	1,151
Investigator	1,006
Crowd Controller, Investigator, Security Guard	333
Crowd Controller	223
Private Security Trainer, Crowd Controller, Security Guard	157
Other	365
Total	33,138

Individual registration as at 31 December 2019 – The number of individual registrations as at 31 December 2019 was 4,480.

Security Equipment installer, Security Advisor	2,579
Security Equipment installer	1,319
Security Advisor	582
Total	4,480

Security business licence holders as at 31 December 2019 – The number of security business licence holders as at 31 December 2019 was 836.

Crowd Control, Security Guard	391
Security Guard	135
Investigator	99
Bodyguard, Crowd Control, Security Guard	66
Bodyguard, Crowd Control, Investigator, Security Guard	57
Crowd Control, Investigator, Security Guard	29
Private Security trainer	27
Other	59
Total	836

Business registration as at 31 December 2019 – The number of business registrations as at 31 December 2019 was 956.

Security Equipment installer, Security Advisor	724
Security Equipment installer	154
Security Advisor	78
Total	956

	New individual licence applications	Individual licence cancellations/suspended
1 Jan – 31 Dec 2019	5,245	315
	Approved new Business Licence applications	Business licence cancellations
1 Jan – 31 Dec 2019	252	?

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Individual licence holders – as at 31 December 2019 there were 15,000* individual licence holders (*this is an estimate as the numbers below reflect multiple classes of licences held).

Licence function	No.
Security Officer	12,884
Security Bodyguard	411
Security Consultant	3,040
Security Installer	2,621
Crowd Controller	10,382
Investigator	656

Agent licence holders – as at 31 December 2019 there were 1,679 agent licence holders.

Agent class	No.
Security Agent	1,300
Crowd Control Agent	209
Inquiry Agent	170

	New individual licence applications	Individual licence cancellations/terminations
1 Jan – 31 Dec 2019	4,727*	134

*includes 2,145 additional licence applications by individuals with an existing licence

	New Agent Licence applications	Agent licence cancellations/terminations
1 Jan – 31 Dec 2019	197	Not available