March 31, 2020

Re: Temporary Extension for the “Use of Restraints” endorsement/condition.

Dear Security Worker Licensee,

The Registrar of Security Services is responsible under the Security Services Act for regulating security workers in British Columbia. On March 17, 2020 the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) paused all semester-based, face-to-face courses due to COVID-19. This pause impacts individuals requiring re-certification of their Advanced Security Training (AST) to continue holding the endorsement – “authorized to carry and use restraints (handcuffs only)”.

Under section 11(2) of the Security Services Regulation, the registrar may authorize, on any conditions the registrar considers appropriate, a security worker licensee to carry and use the equipment referred to in subsection (1)(a), namely a restraining device.

The registrar has decided to apply a nine-month extension to all holders of the “authorized to carry and use restraints (handcuffs only)” endorsement on their security workers licence whose endorsement has or will expire between March 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

This means that this extension applies to you if you fulfill all the following requirements:

- You have and maintain a valid security worker licence; and,
- Your AST has or will expire during the period of March 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020; and,
- You have an endorsement on the back of your current security worker licence that states “authorized to carry and use restraints (handcuffs only)”.

This extension does not allow untrained individuals, or anyone who’s endorsement expired before March 1, 2020, to use restraints.
Your AST restraints extension will be valid for nine months past the current AST expiry date. Here is a conversion chart so you can determine your extension period:

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Registrar Approved Extension Valid to:

It is important to understand that this is not an extension of your security worker licence. Under the Security Services Act, all security workers are required to possess a valid security worker licence. The Security Programs Division is still processing security worker applications as usual. Due to the pandemic, we are asking that all security workers apply via our online process (rather than paper applications), and for renewal please apply between 60 and 90 days prior to the expiry of your licence.

Please continue to monitor your AST training provider with a view to re-certifying as soon as courses are available. Once AST courses are available, it is our expectation that you will register and re-certify within a month. Please do not wait for this extension to end before you re-certify.

If you are a security worker that meets the requirements for this extension then, while you are conducting security work, you must carry on your person the following:

- Your most recent AST certification (that expired between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020);
- A copy of this extension letter; and,
- Your valid security workers licence.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding and patience during this period.

Yours truly,

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