



# Defence Security Update

## Physical Security - Zone Access

Good morning,

With the Defence Security landscape changing, a recent change to the zone requirements across all Defence Base locations has been implemented. In order to maintain a safe, secure and compliant Defence estate for our client, the Department of Defence, we are required to adhere to these changes as per the Defence Security Principles Framework Control 72.1 – Physical Security.

Please see the below for an overview of each zone level:

### Physical Security:

#### Zone One – **Uncleared Pass Holders and Baseline clearance level and above**

A Zone One area is a common access area with no specific access controls in place. Examples of Zone One areas include main entry gates and common areas:

**Is a certain level of Security Clearance required?**

*No – uncleared DCAC holders are permitted access*

**Can I bring/use my phone or other Portable Electronic Device?**

*Yes*

**Do visitors need to sign in?**

*Yes – visitors must be escorted at all times*

#### Zone Two - **Baseline clearance and above**

A Zone Two area is an area that restricts public access but provides broad access to Defence employees and Contractors and their escorted visitors. Zone Two areas are the first layer of protection for security information and assets:

**Is a certain level of Security Clearance required?**

*Yes – Baseline clearance or above is required*

**Can I bring/use my phone or other Portable Electronic Device?**

*Yes*

**Who requires escort?**

*All visitors and any uncleared pass holders must be escorted at all times*

#### Zone Three - **Baseline clearance and above**

Zone Three and above are designed to control movement within, restricting access to those who have an ongoing access requirement:

**Is a certain level of Security Clearance required?**

*Yes – Baseline clearance or above is required*

**Can I bring/use my phone or other Portable Electronic Device?**

*Defence Protected Laptops (DPL) are permitted  
Medical PEDs are allowed unless otherwise notified by the facility owner  
Personal PED's are not allowed*

**Who requires escort?**

*All visitors and any uncleared pass holders must announced prior to entry and be escorted at all times*

#### Zone Four – **NV1 clearance and above**

Ongoing access to a Zone Four can only be granted to those who hold a security clearance NV1 or above. A Zone Four must be fully auditable which means swipe access, or a personal PIN is required due to a Type 1A alarm system:

**Is a certain level of Security Clearance required?**

*Yes – NV1 clearance or above is required*

**Can I bring/use my phone or other Portable Electronic Device?**

*No  
Medical PEDs are allowed unless otherwise notified by the facility owner*

**Who requires escort?**

*Only visitors, uncleared or baseline pass holders with a specific need-to-know are permitted and must be announced prior to entry and closely escorted by suitable authorised Defence staff member*

#### Zone Five: **NV2 clearance and above**

This is the highest level of Physical Security Zone in Defence. There are high level restrictions on who is allowed to enter. Ongoing access can only be granted to those with NV2 clearance and above. There is no public access under any circumstances.

BGIS Employees and Contractors must be under escort by a Defence staff member at all times:

**Is a certain level of Security Clearance required?**

*Yes – NV2 clearance or above is required*

**Can I bring/use my phone or other Portable Electronic Device?**

*No  
Medical PEDs are allowed unless otherwise notified by the facility owner*

**Who requires escort?**

*Uncleared or baseline pass holders with a specific need-to-know are permitted and must be closely escorted by suitable authorised Defence staff member*

The above changes will be discussed in the upcoming BGIS Town Hall, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the BGIS Defence Security Team at [BGIS Defence Security](#)

Regards,

Defence Security Team

