

1979 No. 276

FIREARMS

Firearms (Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979

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| <i>Made</i> | 1st August 1979 |
| <i>Coming into operation</i> | 27th August 1979 |
| <i>To be laid before Parliament</i> | |

The Secretary of State, in pursuance of sections 22, 23, 28 and 49 of the Firearms Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(a), hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Firearms (Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 27th August 1979.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations “the Act” means the Firearms Act (Northern Ireland) 1969.

Application for firearm certificate

3. An application under section 22 or, as the case may be, section 24(2) of the Act for the grant, renewal or variation of a firearm certificate shall be in the form set out in Part I of the Schedule, and shall furnish the particulars prescribed in that form.

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), an application for:—

- (a) the grant of a firearm certificate, or
- (b) the variation or renewal of a firearm certificate where that firearm certificate does not have affixed to it a photograph of the applicant, or
- (c) the renewal of a firearm certificate where that firearm certificate has been renewed twice since a photograph was affixed to it,

shall be accompanied by two recent photographs of the applicant which comply with the requirements set out in paragraph (2).

(2) The photographs to be furnished in accordance with paragraph (1) shall be:—

- (a) taken full face, without a hat,
- (b) not more than 63 mm by 50 mm (2½ inches by 2 inches) or less than 50 mm by 38 mm (2 inches by 1½ inches) in size,
- (c) printed on normal thin photographic paper, be unglazed on the back and unmounted, and
- (d) endorsed on the reverse side by a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary with the words—

“I verify this is a true likeness of (full name of person)” to which statement he shall add his normal signature and the date.

(3) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to an applicant for a firearm certificate who is resident in a country outside the United Kingdom and who has elected, in pursuance of section 23(3B) of the Act to have section 23(3A) of the Act apply to him.

Firearm certificates

5. Firearm certificates shall be in the form set out in Part II of the Schedule.

6. Every person selling, letting on hire, giving or lending a firearm or ammunition to the holder of any firearm certificate shall complete the Table of the firearm certificate and shall comply with the instructions set out therein.

Application for registration as a firearms dealer

7. An application under section 28(3) or, as the case may be, section 28(5)(b) of the Act to be registered as a firearms dealer, or to renew such registration, shall be in the form set out in Part III of the Schedule and shall furnish the particulars prescribed in that form.

The register of firearms dealers

8. The register of firearms dealers to be kept by the Chief Constable by virtue of section 28(1) of the Act shall be in the form set out in Part IV of the Schedule.

Register of transactions

9. Any person registered as a firearms dealer shall keep a register of transactions in the form set out in Part V of the Schedule and shall comply with the instructions to dealers set out therein.

Revocation

10. The Firearm Certificates and Permits (Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(b), the Firearms (Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(c), the Firearms (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(d) and the Firearm Certificates and Permits (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(e) are hereby revoked.

Northern Ireland Office
1st August 1979

Humphrey Atkins
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 191 (I, p. 1002)
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 473 (II, p. 2763)
(d) S.R. 1975 No. 254 (II, p. 1194)
(e) S.R. 1975 No. 255 (II, p. 1195)

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PART I

Form of Application for the grant, renewal or variation of a Firearm Certificate

Certificate No.

APPLICATION FOR *GRANT/VARIATION/RENEWAL OF FIREARM CERTIFICATE

*Delete as applicable

WARNING: It is an offence for any person to make any statements which he knows to be false for the purpose of procuring the grant, variation or renewal of a firearm certificate.

Surname..... Christian Name(s).....

If married woman give maiden name.....

Postal Address

Date and Place of Birth.....

Occupation

Nationality

Previous Addresses.....

(during last 10 years)

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.....
.....

ARMS AND AMMUNITION WHICH YOU ALREADY POSSESS

(if none, write 'none')

| Type of firearm | Make and calibre of firearm | Serial number of firearm | Type and quantity of ammunition |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | |

ARMS AND AMMUNITION WHICH YOU WISH TO ACQUIRE

| Type of firearm | Make and calibre of firearm | Serial number of firearm (this to be inserted if known) | Type and quantity of ammunition |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| | | | |

ARMS AND AMMUNITION WHICH YOU INTEND TO RELINQUISH

| Type of firearm | Make and calibre of firearm | Serial number of firearm | Type and quantity of ammunition |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | |

Have you previously applied for a firearm certificate or permit?.....

Was a certificate or permit granted? If 'Yes', attach it to this form. Give date and place of issue.

Have you been found guilty of, or convicted of any offence? (Include instances where you were found guilty of an offence, or convicted, resulting in a suspended sentence, a probation order, or an order for conditional discharge, as well as those resulting in a fine or imprisonment.)

If 'Yes' give details.

N.B.—By virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979, details of all convictions including spent convictions must be given.

Do you suffer from epilepsy or from sudden attacks of disabling giddiness or fainting?

If not, write 'No'.

Do you suffer from any mental illness?

If so, give details. If not, write 'No'.

Do you suffer from any other disease or disability which might make the possession by you of a firearm dangerous to the public?

If not, write 'No'.

Reasons for requiring the firearms and ammunition specified. (On a renewal application, reasons for the necessity for continued possession should be specified).

Where will each of the firearms be used?

Where will each of the firearms and the ammunition be kept when not in use and what arrangements have been made for their safe custody?

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I hereby make application as above and declare that the information given by me is correct.

*I elect to have section 23(2)/(3A) (delete as appropriate) of the Firearms Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 apply to me.

Signature of Applicant: Date:

INSTRUCTIONS

Except where the application is made by a person who is resident in a country outside the United Kingdom and who has elected to have section 23(3A) of the Firearms Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 apply to him each application for the grant of a firearm certificate must be accompanied by 2 recent photographs of the applicant.

When application is being made for the renewal of a firearm certificate where the current certificate has been renewed twice or where the current certificate does not already have a photograph affixed to it the application must be accompanied by 2 recent photographs of the applicant.

The photographs should be full face without a hat. They should not be larger than 63 mm by 50 mm (2½ inches by 2 inches) or smaller than 50 mm by 38 mm (2 inches by 1½ inches). They should be on normal thin photographic paper, be unglazed on the back, unmounted and should be endorsed on the reverse side by a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary with the words "I verify this is a true likeness of (name of person)" followed by his normal signature and the date.

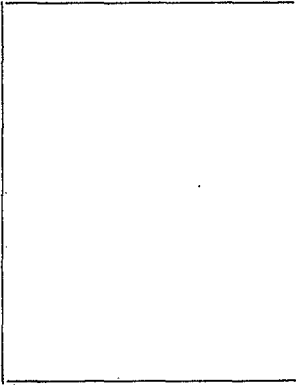
*To be completed only by applicants who are resident in countries outside the United Kingdom.

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PART II

Form of Firearm Certificate



Signature of Holder..... Date.....

This Certificate No. is granted to of and relates to the authorised possession of the firearms and ammunition specified hereunder:—

(a) Firearms*

Deleted to

(Signature of Chief Constable or duly authorised officer and date of deletion).

(b) Ammunition*

*The type and number of firearms or quantities and description of ammunition must be stated; also the maker's name and identification numbers or other distinguishing marks on firearms.

This Certificate will continue in force until (date) and is granted subject to the following conditions and to any further conditions that may at any time be imposed by the Chief Constable:—

Conditions

- 1: The holder must on receipt of this Certificate sign it in ink with his usual signature.
2. The firearms and ammunition to which this Certificate relates must at all times when not in actual use be kept in a secure place and beyond the reach of children.
3. The holder must not allow any unauthorised person to use or to have in his possession the firearms or ammunition to which this Certificate relates.
4. The theft or loss of this Certificate or any firearm or ammunition to which this Certificate relates must be notified to the local police immediately on discovery of the loss or theft.

5. If the holder changes his address he must within 14 days notify the Chief Constable of his new address.

(Here the Chief Constable or an officer of the Royal Ulster Constabulary duly authorised by him on that behalf may insert other conditions.)

Official Stamp

and [(Rank of officer) for] Chief Constable

Date Royal Ulster Constabulary

RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE

I hereby renew this Certificate until (date)

Official Stamp

and [(Rank of officer) for] Chief Constable

Date Royal Ulster Constabulary

Entries in this section may be made only by the Chief Constable or an officer of the Royal Ulster Constabulary duly authorised by him on that behalf.

VARIATION OF CERTIFICATE

| Firearms | | | | Ammuni- tion | Acquired from Registered Firearms Dealer; Firearm Certificate holder | Condi- tions applying to this Variation | I hereby vary this Certificate as indicated in Cols. 1-4 |
|----------|------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|---|---|--|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | |
| Make | Type | Calibre | Regd. Number | | | | |
| | | | | | Added from: | | |
| | | | | | Deleted to: | | (Rank) (for) C/Const- able |
| | | | | | | | Official Stamp and Date |

Instructions to persons from whom the holder of this Certificate purchases or acquires firearms or ammunition

Every person selling, letting on hire, giving, lending or transferring a firearm or ammunition to the holder of this Certificate must—

- (a) make appropriate entries in each Column A-D of the Table and shall complete the certificate set out in Column E by appending his signature and address in Column E opposite each transaction;
- (b) if the holder of this Certificate is unknown to him he should examine the photograph and compare the signature of the person acquiring the firearm or ammunition with the signature on this Certificate;
- (c) in the case of a firearm, within 48 hours from the transaction notify by registered post or recorded delivery the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary of the transaction;
- (d) in any case, notify in writing within 48 hours the Chief Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary, of any circumstances attending the transaction which appear to require investigation.

TABLE

| A | B | C | D | E |
|----------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| <i>Date of transaction</i> | <i>Name and address of person selling, transferring etc., the firearm or ammunition</i> | <i>Calibre, maker's name, type and identification number(s) or other mark(s) of each firearm</i> | <i>Quantity, calibre and description of ammunition</i> | <p>CERTIFICATE</p> <p>I certify that the entries in columns A to D are correct and relate to a transaction with the holder of this Certificate and I have satisfied myself that the transaction will not place the holder of the Certificate in possession of firearms or ammunition in excess of or otherwise than as authorised by the Certificate.</p> <p>Signature and address</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> |

Every certificate shall be printed with a notice—

- (a) setting out the following provisions of the Firearms Act (Northern Ireland) 1969, or the essential portions thereof; namely, sections 1, 2(2) and (4), 23(8), 24, 25, 36, 40, 42, 43 and 51;
- (b) advising the holder that he should carry the Certificate when carrying the firearm and ammunition to which the Certificate relates; and
- (c) warning the holder that the pages must not be removed or defaced.

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PART III

Form of Application for registration as a firearms dealer, or the renewal of registration as a firearms dealer

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS A FIREARMS DEALER

Certificate of Registration No. FD ()

WARNING: It is an offence for any person to make any statement which he knows to be false for the purpose of procuring the registration of himself or any other person as a firearms dealer.

- 1. Surname Christian name(s)
2. Date and place of birth
3. (a) Home Address
(b) Previous addresses over the past ten years
4. Business address
5. Name under which business is operated (if applicable)
6. Nature of firearms dealing being*/to be carried on
7. Other business, if any, which is*/will be carried on at the premises named at (4)
8. Does any business carried on at any address other than that named at (4) include firearms dealing?
9. (a) Have you ever been convicted of any offence?
(b) If "Yes" give details

N.B.—By virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979, details of all convictions including spent convictions must be given.

- 10. (a) Give full details of strong room or secure store accommodation provided*/to be provided for storage of firearms and ammunition
(b) Give full details of internal and external alarm systems provided*/to be provided
(c) Give full details of any other security measures provided*/to be provided at place of business for storage of firearms and ammunition

*Delete as applicable

Details of transactions for the 12-month period ending 30th November 19

[To be completed only when application is being made for re-registration]

| <i>Type</i> | <i>Firearms repaired</i> | <i>Firearms, ammunition purchased</i> | <i>Firearms, ammunition sold</i> | <i>Firearms, ammunition in stock</i> |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Pistols/Revolvers . . . | | | | |
| Rifles | | | | |
| Shotguns | | | | |
| Air weapons | | | | |
| Ammunition (.22 calibre) | | | | |
| Ammunition (over .22 calibre) | | | | |
| Sporting cartridges | | | | |
| Pellets | | | | |
| Other ammunition | | | | |

I hereby apply to be entered in the Register of Firearms Dealers, and declare that the information as given above is correct.

Signature of applicant Date

PART IV

Register of firearms dealers

Trading name:—

Surname Christian name(s)

Registration No. FD

Business address

Nature of firearms business*

Type of firearms/ammunition authorised to deal in

Remarks:

*Whether manufacture, repair, test or sale (wholesale or retail).

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PART V

Register of transactions as a firearms dealer

PART I—FIREARMS

1. *Instructions to dealers*

- (1) Entries must be made in the Register of Transactions in respect of every weapon acquired or disposed of in the course of business as a dealer including weapons acquired temporarily for repair, test or proof.
 - (2) Where an entry is made in the "Acquisition" section, the disposal of that weapon must be indicated on the same line and sheet number in the "Disposal" section.
 - (3) The "Remarks" column should be used to explain an entry—e.g. insert "Repair", "Test", "Proof" if a weapon has been temporarily acquired for this reason; or to record a dealer's own particular stock record number or other such annotation.
 - (4) Each box in the Register must be completed, either with an entry, or neatly ruled through.
 - (5) The "Stockholding" section must be completed to show the dealer's position at 30th November each year.
 - (6) In case of any doubt or difficulty in the completion of the Register, dealers should consult the local police.
 - (7) When this Register is completed, any outstanding stock must be transferred to a new Register immediately and the old Register so noted in the "Disposal" section.
 - (8) Dealers should ensure, when a repair is completed, that the firearm certificate relating to the firearm is seen and inspected before the weapon is handed over, so that the firearm is returned to the person properly authorised to receive it.
2. The Register shall be printed with a notice—
- (a) setting out the following provisions of the Act or the essential portions thereof, namely sections 35 and 36;
 - (b) warning the dealer that pages must not be removed or defaced.

3. REGISTER OF TRANSACTIONS

Firearms

Acquisition

| <i>Date of transaction or manufacture</i> (1) | <i>Type</i> (2) | <i>Serial No. or other distinguishing marks</i> (3) | <i>Make</i> (4) | <i>Acquired from</i> (5) | <i>Firearm Certificate/ Permit No. Registered firearms dealer No.</i> (6) |
|--|--------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | | | | | |

Disposal

| <i>Date of disposal</i> (7) | <i>Sold or otherwise disposed of to</i> (8) | <i>Firearm Certificate/ Permit No. Registered firearms dealer No.</i> (9) | <i>Remarks</i> (10) | <i>Notified to the Chief Constable (date)</i> (11) |
|--------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|---|
| | | | | |

STOCKHOLDING: 30TH NOVEMBER

| <i>Date.</i> (1) | <i>Type</i> (2) | <i>Serial No. or other distinguishing marks</i> (3) | <i>Make</i> (4) | <i>Date of acquisition</i> (5) |
|---------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | |

PART II—AMMUNITION

1. *Instructions to dealers*

- (1) Entries must be made in this Register in respect of all ammunition (including pellets or slugs for air weapons) acquired or disposed of in the course of business as a dealer.
- (2) Ammunition should be entered by type, using a separate sheet(s) for each, though pages may be sub-divided if sales are normally low in one particular type. Sporting cartridges of whatever gauge may be treated as one type.
- (3) Where an entry is made in the "Acquisition" section, the disposal of the ammunition should be indicated in the "Disposal" section opposite, the reducing stock balance being shown in column (8), and the unused sheets in the "Acquisition" section being neatly ruled through.
- (4) The "Stockholding" section must be completed to show the position at 30th November each year.
- (5) In the case of any doubt or difficulty in the completion of the Register, dealers should consult the local police.
- (6) When this Register is completed any outstanding stock must be transferred to a new Register immediately and the old Register so noted in the "Disposal" section.

2. The Register shall be printed with a notice setting out the following provisions of the Act or the essential portions thereof, namely—

(a) sections 35 and 36;

(b) warning the dealer that pages must not be removed or defaced.

3. REGISTER OF TRANSACTIONS

Ammunition

| | |
|-------------|--|
| Type | |
|-------------|--|

Acquisition

| <i>Date of manufacture or transaction</i> (1) | <i>Quantity</i> (2) | <i>Acquired from</i> (3) | <i>Firearm Certificate/ Permit No. Registered firearms dealer No.</i> (4) |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | | | |

Disposal

| <i>Date of disposal</i> (5) | <i>Sold or otherwise disposed of to</i> (6) | <i>Firearm Certificate/ Permit No. Registered firearms dealer No.</i> (7) | <i>Balance in Stock</i> (8) |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| | | | |

STOCKHOLDING: 30TH NOVEMBER

| <i>Date</i> (1) | <i>Type</i> (2) | <i>Quantity</i> (3) |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations consolidate, with minor amendments, the provisions of the Firearm Certificates and Permits (Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973, the Firearms (Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973, the Firearms (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 and the Firearm Certificates and Permits (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975, which are accordingly revoked.

These Regulations prescribe the forms of application for grant, renewal or variation of a firearm certificate; of a firearm certificate; of application for registration, or renewal of registration, as a firearms dealer; of the Register of firearms dealers; and of the dealer's Register of transactions. They also require than an application (except in certain cases) for grant (and, in certain cases, renewal or variation) of a firearm certificate be accompanied by two photographs of the applicant which comply with the requirements of Regulation 4(2).