

1973. No. 191

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**ARMS AND AMMUNITION****Firearm Certificates and Permits (Prescribed Forms)**

REGULATIONS, DATED 16TH JUNE 1973, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTIONS 22 AND 49 OF THE FIREARMS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1969.

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by sections 22 and 49 of the Firearms Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(a) and by section 1(1) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(b) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf I hereby make the following regulations:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Firearm Certificates and Permits (Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1973.

*Application*

2. An application under section 22 or, as the case may be, section 24(2) of the Firearms Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 for the grant, renewal or variation of a firearm certificate or firearm permit shall be in the form set out in Part I of the Schedule.

3.—(1) 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.

*Firearm certificates*

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

5. 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 in accordance with the instructions set out therein.

*Revocation*

6. The following Rules and Regulations are hereby revoked:—

- (a) Rule 1 of the Rules made by the Minister of Home Affairs and dated the 12th day of February 1922(c);
- (b) Regulation 3 and Part I of the Schedule of the Firearms (Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969(d).

Dated this 16th day of June 1973.

*W. S. I. Whitelaw,*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

PART I

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

Certificate/Permit No.....

APPLICATION FOR \*GRANT/VARIATION/RENEWAL OF FIREARM CERTIFICATE OR FIREARM PERMIT

\*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 or permit.

SURNAME..... CHRISTIAN NAME(S).....

IF MARRIED WOMAN give Maiden Name..... POSTAL ADDRESS.....

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH.....

OCCUPATION.....

NATIONALITY.....

PREVIOUS ADDRESSES.....  
(during last 5 years)

.....  
.....  
.....

ARMS AND AMMUNITION WHICH YOU ALREADY POSSESS (IF NONE, WRITE 'NONE')

<i>Type of firearm</i>	<i>Make and calibre of firearm</i>	<i>Serial number of firearm</i>	<i>Type and quantity of ammunition</i>



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).* .. .. .  
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Where will each of the firearms be used? .. .. .  
 .. .. .  
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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.**

Signature of Applicant:..... Date:.....

**INSTRUCTIONS**

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.

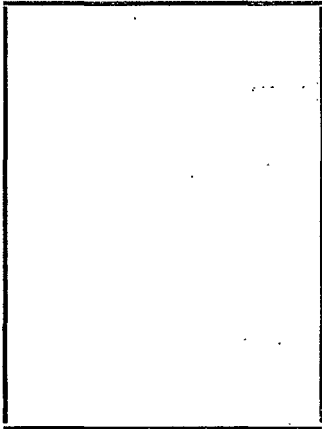
The photographs should be full face without a hat. They should not be larger than 63 mm by 50 mm (2½ inches by 2 inches) or smaller than 50 mm by 38 mm (2 inches by 1½ inches). They should be on normal thin photographic paper, be unglazed on the back, unmounted and should be endorsed on the reverse side 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.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 4

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 for 3 years from the date hereof and is granted subject to the following conditions and to any further conditions that may at any time be imposed by the Chief Constable or an officer of the Royal Ulster Constabulary duly authorised by him on that behalf:—

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  
Date .....  
[(Rank of officer) for] Chief Constable  
Royal Ulster Constabulary

**RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE**

I hereby renew this Certificate for 3 years from .....(date)

Official Stamp  
and  
Date .....  
[(Rank of officer) for] Chief Constable  
Royal Ulster Constabulary

**VARIATION OF CERTIFICATE**

*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 1				Ammunition 2	Acquired from Registered Firearm Dealer; Firearm Certificate holder 3	Conditions applying to this Variation 4	I hereby vary this Certificate as indicated in Cols 1-4 5
Make	Type	Calibre	Regd. Number				
					Added from:		
					Deleted to:		..... (Rank) (for) C/Constable
							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 style="text-align: center;"><b>CERTIFICATE</b></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> <p>.....</p>

Every Certificate shall be printed with a notice—

- (a) setting out the following provisions of the Firearms Act (N.I.) 1969, or the essential portions thereof; namely, sections 1, 2(2)(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.



## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations require that an application for the grant and, in certain circumstances, the renewal or variation of a firearm certificate shall be accompanied by two recent photographs of the applicant which comply with requirements set out in paragraph (2) of Regulation 3.

The Regulations also set out—

- (a) the form in which application is to be made for the grant, renewal or variation of a firearm certificate or permit; and
- (b) the form and content of firearm certificates granted under section 23 of the Firearms Act (Northern Ireland) 1969.