

1968 No. 1753

ARMS AND AMMUNITION

The Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1968

<i>Made</i>	- - -	31st October 1968
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		11th November 1968
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		1st January 1969

In pursuance of section 43 of the Firearms Act 1968(a), I hereby make the following Order :—

1. Section 32 of the Firearms Act 1968 (which makes payable a fee of 5s. 0d. for the grant, and 2s. 6d. for the renewal, replacement or variation, of firearm and shotgun certificates, and gives certain exemptions) shall be amended by the substitution, for subsection (1) of that section, of the following subsection :—

“(1) Subject to this Act, there shall be payable—

- (a) on the grant of a firearm certificate, a fee of £2 10s. 0d.;
- (b) on the renewal of a firearm certificate or on the replacement of such a certificate which has been lost or destroyed, a fee of £1 5s. 0d.;
- (c) on any variation of a firearm certificate (otherwise than when it is renewed or replaced at the same time) so as to increase the number of firearms to which the certificate relates, a fee of £1 5s. 0d.;
- (d) on the grant or renewal of a shot gun certificate, a fee of 15s. 0d.; and
- (e) on the replacement of a shot gun certificate which has been lost or destroyed, a fee of 7s. 6d.”.

2. Section 32 of the Firearms Act 1968 shall be further amended by the insertion, after subsection (3) thereof, of the following subsection :—

“(3A) No fee shall be payable on the grant, variation or renewal of a firearm certificate which relates solely to and, in the case of a variation, will continue when varied to relate solely to a signalling device which, when assembled and ready to fire, is not more than six inches long and which is designed to discharge a flare, or to ammunition for such a device.”.

3. Section 35 of the Firearms Act 1968 (which relates to the fees payable for the registration and renewal of registration of a firearms dealer) shall be amended by the substitution—

- (a) in subsection (1) thereof, of the words “a fee of £20” for the words “a fee of £5”; and
- (b) in subsection (3) thereof, of the words “a fee of £4” for the words “a fee of £1”.

4.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1968 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1969.

(2) This Order shall not extend to Scotland.

James Callaghan,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
31st October 1968.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order increases, in relation to England and Wales, the fees payable in respect of firearm and shot gun certificates, and also those payable on the registration or renewal of registration of a firearms dealer.

It also provides for no fee to be payable for a firearm certificate which relates only to a signalling device of the kind described in Article 2.