
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2004 No. 702

The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004

PART VI

FIREARMS CLUBS [^{F1}AND SHOTGUN CLUBS]

[^{F1}Firearms clubs]

F1 Art. 49 cross-heading added (13.5.2016) by [Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(c. 21\), s. 61\(1\), Sch. 5 para. 1\(3\)](#)

Authorisation

49.—(1) The Chief Constable may, on payment of the appropriate fee, grant an authorisation for a firearms club if he is satisfied that it can operate without danger to public safety or to the peace.

(2) The Chief Constable may at any time by notice in writing—

- (a) attach conditions to an authorisation;
- (b) vary or revoke conditions attached under this Article.

(3) An authorisation shall, unless the Chief Constable revokes it, continue in force for a period of five years from the date on which it is granted.

(4) The Unlawful Drilling Act 1819 (c. 1) shall not have effect in relation to a firearms club if an authorisation is in force in relation to it.

(5) Any person who—

- (a) operates, or participates in the activities of, a firearms club for which an authorisation is not in force; or
- (b) contravenes any condition of an authorisation,

shall be guilty of an offence.

Revocation or variation of authorisation

50.—(1) The Chief Constable may revoke an authorisation if he is not satisfied that the club can operate without danger to public safety or to the peace.

(2) The Chief Constable may vary an authorisation on the application of an officer of the club.

(3) In this Article “authorisation” means an authorisation granted under Article 49.

Changes to legislation:

The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004, Cross Heading: Firearms clubs is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 05 July 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 6(3A) inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 62\(2\)](#)
- art. 6A inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 62\(3\)](#)
- art. 11(1A) inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 62\(4\)](#)