



Firearms Act 1968

1968 CHAPTER 27

An Act to consolidate the Firearms Acts 1937 and 1965, the Air Guns and Shot Guns, etc., Act 1962, Part V of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 and certain enactments amending the Firearms Act 1937. [30th May 1968]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act extended by [S.I. 1972/971](#), [Sch. 1](#)
- C2** Act extended with modifications by [Firearms Act 1982](#) (c. 31, SIF 51:1), [s. 1\(2\)](#)
- C3** Act amended by [Firearms \(Amendment\) Act 1988](#) (c. 45, SIF 51:1), [ss. 8, 25\(4\)](#)
Act amended (1.7.1997) by [1997 c. 5](#), [s. 48\(a\)](#); [S.I. 1997/1535](#), [art. 3](#), [Sch. Pt. I](#)
Act amended (*prosp.*) by [1997 c. 5](#), [ss. 12\(2\), 53\(3\)](#) (which amending s. 12(2) was repealed (17.12.1997) by [1997 c. 64](#), [s. 2\(7\)](#), [Sch.](#); [S.I. 1997/3114](#), [art. 3](#), [Sch. Pt. I](#))
- C4** Definitions of "ammunition" and "firearm" in this Act applied (E.W.) (25.10.1991) by [Deer Act 1991](#) (c. 54, SIF 4:3), [ss.16, 18\(3\)](#)
- C5** By [Criminal Justice Act 1991](#) (c. 53, SIF 39:1), [S. 101\(1\)](#), [Sch. 12 para.23](#); [S.I. 1991/2208](#), [art. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch.1](#) it is provided (14.10. 1991) that in relation to any time before the commencement of s. 70 of that 1991 Act (which came into force on 1.10.1992 by [S.I. 1992/333](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch. 2](#)) references in any enactment amended by that 1991 Act, to youth courts shall be construed as references to juvenile courts.
- C6** Act applied (1.7.1997) by [1997 c. 5](#), [s. 50\(2\)\(3\)](#); [S.I. 1997/1535](#), [art. 3](#), [Sch. Pt. I](#)

Commencement Information

- I1** Act wholly in force at 1.8.1968, see [s. 60\(2\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

Firearms Act 1968, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 27 April 2024. 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 Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act amended by [1997 c. 5 s. 12\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 12 was repealed (17.12.1997) by 1997 c. 64, s. 2(7), Sch.; S.I. 1997/3114, art. 3, Sch. Pt. I)
- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

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

- s. 3A inserted by [2023 c. 49 s. 2](#)
- s. 11(3A)-(4A) substituted for s. 11(4) by [2023 c. 49 s. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 51(2A) added by [1997 c. 48 s. 62\(1\)Sch. 1 para. 3](#)