



Firearms Act 1968

1968 CHAPTER 27

PART II

FIREARM AND SHOT GUN CERTIFICATES; REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS DEALERS

Grant, renewal, variation and revocation of firearm and shot gun certificates

28 Special provisions about shot gun certificates.

[^{F1}(1) Subject to subsection (1A) below, a shot gun certificate shall be granted or, as the case may be, renewed by the chief officer of police if he is satisfied that the applicant can be permitted to possess a shot gun without danger to the public safety or to the peace.

- (1A) No such certificate shall be granted or renewed if the chief officer of police—
- (a) has reason to believe that the applicant is prohibited by this Act from possessing a shot gun; or
 - (b) is satisfied that the applicant does not have a good reason for possessing, purchasing or acquiring one.

(1B) For the purposes of paragraph (b) of subsection (1A) above an applicant shall, in particular, be regarded as having a good reason if the gun is intended to be used for sporting or competition purposes or for shooting vermin; and an application shall not be refused by virtue of that paragraph merely because the applicant intends neither to use the gun himself nor to lend it for anyone else to use.]

^{F2}(1C)

- (2) A shot gun certificate shall be in the prescribed form and shall—
- (a) be granted or renewed subject to any prescribed conditions and no others; and
 - (b) specify the conditions, if any, subject to which it is granted or renewed.

[^{F3}(2A) A shot gun certificate shall specify the description of the shot guns to which it relates including, if known, the identification numbers of the guns.]

^{F4}(3)

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 28(1) substituted by [Firearms \(Amendment\) Act 1988 \(c. 45, SIF 51:1\), s. 3\(1\)](#)
- F2** [S. 28\(1C\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Law Enforcement and Security \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/742\)](#), regs. 1, **59(5)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F3** S. 28(2A) inserted by [Firearms \(Amendment\) Act 1988 \(c. 45, SIF 51:1\), s. 3\(2\)](#)
- F4** S. 28(3) repealed (1.7.1997) by [1997 c. 5, s. 52\(2\)](#), **Sch. 3**; [S.I. 1997/1535](#), art. 3(b), **Sch. Pt. I**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 28(2) amended by [Firearms \(Amendment\) Act 1988 \(c. 45, SIF 51:1\), s. 9](#)

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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](#)