

# Part F Declaration

I/We declare that the statements made on this form are true.

I/We understand that I/we will be subject to a check of police records and that my details may be held on computer.

It is an offence for any person to knowingly or recklessly make a statement which is false in any material particular for the purpose of procuring either for himself or for another person the grant, renewal or variation of a firearm certificate.

The maximum penalty is six months imprisonment and/or a fine.

Usual signature of applicant

Date

Usual signature of parent or guardian

(if the applicant is under 17 years of age)

Date

## General notes

You should use this form to apply for the **grant, renewal or variation of a firearm certificate**. It is – with certain statutory exceptions – an offence to possess, purchase or acquire any firearm or ammunition to which section 1 of the Firearms Act 1968 applies without holding a firearm certificate. The certificate will show the firearms and ammunition which the holder may have in his or her possession, purchase or acquire. If you are applying to hold a weapon other than a rifle, muzzle loading pistol or shot gun with a large magazine, you should contact your local police firearms licensing department for advice.

**Section 1 of the 1968 Act applies to all firearms except:**

- (i) a shot gun within the meaning of the Firearms Acts 1968 to 1997, that is to say a smooth-bore gun (not being an air weapon) which –
  - a has a barrel not less than 60.96 cm (24 inches) in length and does not have any barrel with a bore exceeding 5.08 cm (two inches) in diameter;

- b either has no magazine or a non-detachable magazine incapable of holding more than two cartridges; and
- c is not a revolver gun;
- (ii) an air weapon, (that is a rifle, gun or pistol powered by air or compressed carbon dioxide not of a type declared by Rules made by the Secretary of State under section 53 of the 1968 Act to be specially dangerous);  
*and to all ammunition except:*
- (i) cartridges containing five or more shot, none of which exceeds 9.14 mm (.36 inch) diameter;
- (ii) ammunition for an air weapon; and
- (iii) blank cartridges not more than 2.54 cm (one inch) in diameter measured immediately in front of the rim or cannellure of the base of the cartridge.

A firearm certificate is granted subject to conditions. Some conditions are prescribed in law by the Firearms Rules 1998. The chief officer of police may add others. It is an offence to fail to comply with any condition shown on a firearm certificate.

### Noteto Part A Question 14

You are not entitled to withhold information about any offence. This includes motoring offences, convictions in places outside Great Britain, and (by virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975) convictions which are spent under the 1974 Act. Both a conditional discharge and an absolute discharge count as convictions for this purpose.

### Noteto Part D Application for grant or renewal of a firearm certificate

Must be accompanied by four identical photographs of you. The photographs should show your full face and without a hat and should bear current true likeness. The size of the photographs should be 45mm x 35mm. They should be printed on normal thin photographic paper and be unmounted. One of the photographs should be signed in ink, on the back, with your usual signature. Each of the referees must endorse a further separate photograph, in ink, using the words I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A CURRENT TRUE LIKENESS OF [INSERT NAME] and signing it with his usual signature and the date the likeness was compared. In the case of an application for both a firearm and a shot gun certificate each of the referees should endorse a separate photograph and two photographs must be signed by you.

### Noteto Part D Renewal or variations only

A fee is payable in respect of a variation only when the number of firearms held by virtue of the certificate is increased.

Unless otherwise advised by the police, you should post or take the completed form together with the fee and photographs to the police force headquarters. In the case of an application for renewal or variation, the current certificate should be included with the application. An application for a variation which results from the disposal of one weapon and the need for authorisation to acquire a new weapon of the same type and calibre (a one-for-one variation) should be submitted direct to the police force headquarters.

### Noteto Part D Question 25b Cotermineous Shot Gun Certificate

If you simultaneously wish to apply for a Shot Gun Certificate and a Firearm Certificate you should fill in a shot gun certificate application form as well as this form. These called *Cotermineous Shot Gun Certificate* will expire on the same day as your Firearm Certificate. The fee payable for such a certificate may be less than the normal fee for the grant or renewal of a shot gun certificate if both of your application forms are dealt with at the same time.

### Noteto Part E Referees

Under the Firearms Acts 1968 - 1997 if you apply for a firearm certificate you must provide the names and addresses of two people who have agreed to act as referees for your application.

If this is a **new** application then both referees must have known you personally for at least two years. They must be resident in Great Britain and must not be a member of your immediate family. Registered firearms dealers, serving police officers or police employees cannot be accepted as referees, except as set out below. Referees must be of good character. References must be given freely and not on payment.

If your application is for the **renewal** of your firearm certificate for a firearm for target shooting then one of the referees must be an official of the approved club named on your firearm certificate. A registered firearms dealer may act as a referee in these circumstances. The other referee must not be a member of any target shooting club.

An application for a **variation** of a firearm certificate does not require referees.

**Two referees' forms are enclosed with this application form. You should complete the factual details in questions 1, 2 and 3 on the forms before passing them to the referees.**

### Fees

This form must be accompanied by the appropriate fee.

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