STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 425

ARMS AND AMMUNITION

The Firearms (Amendment) Rules 2016

Made - - - -	*22nd March 2016*
Coming into force - -	*1st April 2016*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 26A(1), 26B(1) and 53 of the Firearms Act 1968(**1**), makes the following Rules.

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Firearms (Amendment) Rules 2016 and come into force on 1st April 2016.

Amendment to the Firearms Rules 1998

2. The Firearms Rules 1998(**2**) are amended as follows.

3. In rule 5(1) (shotgun certificates), omit the words "and, in the case of an application for renewal, shall be accompanied by the certificate to be renewed if it is available".

4. In Schedule 1 (form of application for firearm and shotgun certificates, and firearm certificate) —

(a) for the form in Part I (application for the grant or renewal of a firearm or shotgun certificate), substitute the form in Schedule 1 to these Rules (application for the grant or renewal of a firearm or shotgun certificate);

(b) for the form in Part IV (application to vary a firearm certificate), substitute the form in Schedule 2 to these Rules (application to vary a firearm certificate).

General

5. An application for a firearm certificate or a shotgun certificate may continue to be made using an application form which is replaced by virtue of rule 4(a) if it is received by the chief officer of police for the area in which the applicant resides on or before 1st June 2016.

(**1**) 1968 c. 27. Sections 26A and 26B were substituted for section 26 as originally enacted by section 37 of the Firearms Amendment Act 1997 (c. 5). There are other amendments to the Firearms Act 1968 which are not relevant to these Rules.

(**2**) S.I. 1998/1941. Rule 5 has been amended, but those amendments are not relevant to these Rules. Schedule 1 was amended by S.I. 2010/1759, 2013/1945, 2013/2970 and 2014/1239.

6. An application to vary a firearm certificate may continue to be made using an application form which is replaced by virtue of rule 4(b) if it is received by the chief officer of police for the area in which the applicant resides on or before 1st June 2016.

Mike Penning
Minister of State
22nd March 2016 Home Office

SCHEDULE 1 Rule 4(a)

Application for the grant or renewal of a firearm or shotgun certificate

Print Form Reset Form

FORM 201

APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OR RENEWAL OF A FIREARM AND/OR SHOTGUN CERTIFICATE

PLEASE READ THE NOTES CAREFULLY (PAGES 12-15) BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM

You may type your responses except where your signature is required. Otherwise, please use black ink and write in BLOCK CAPITALS throughout, except when signing. A continuation form is provided at page 6 for further information.

I am applying for (tick each box which applies)

☐Firearm certificate ☐Grant ☐Renewal ☐Shotgun certificate ☐Grant ☐Renewal

Do you wish to apply for a shotgun certificate which will expire at the same time as your firearm certificate? ☐Yes ☐No

PART A: Personal details.

1. Gender ☐Male ☐Female
2. Title .....
3. Surname .....
4. Forenames (state all) .....
5. If you have at any time used a name other than that given in answer to questions 3 and 4 please complete below:

Previous surname(s).....
Previous forename(s).....

6. Home address .....
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a. Postcode .....
b.Home tel number .....
c. Mobile number .....
d. Home E-mail .....

Any previous home addresses in the last 5 years?

☐Yes ☐No (If yes please give details on page 2)

7. Height .....
8. Date of Birth .....
a. Place of birth .....
b. Nationality..... .....
9. Occupation .....
a. Work address .....
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b. Postcode .....
c. Work tel number.....
d. Work E-mail .....

PART B: Personal health & medical declaration

If necessary, continue on page 6

10. Do you suffer from any relevant medical conditions? Important: Read note s 4-12 before completion.

☐Yes (If yes give details) ☐No

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11. Details of your GP or GP practice
a. Name .....
b. Address .....
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c. Postcode .....
d. Tel number .....
e. E-mail .....

12. Details of all previous GP practices during the past 10 years (see note 12). Continue on page 6 if necessary.
a. Name .....
b. Address .....
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c. Postcode .....
d. Tel number .....
e. E-mail .....

Are there any periods in the past 10 years when you have not been registered with a UK GP or have consulted medical practitioners other than at your GP practice?

☐Yes (if yes give details on continuation page) ☐No

I give the police permission to contact my GP and/or specialist to obtain factual details of any medical history in relation to my suitability to possess a firearm and/or shotgun certificate. This authority is valid for the life of the certificate(s). I understand that my GP may share sensitive personal data with the police concerning my physical and mental health for the purpose of enabling the police to make a fully informed decision on my application or continued suitability, and I hereby consent to this processing of my personal data.

Applicant's name (please print).....

Applicant's signature ..... Date .....

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PART C: Offences

Important : Please read notes 13 and 14 before completion

13. Have you been convicted of any offence (including speeding but not including parking offences or fixed penalty notices) or received a written caution?

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

(If yes, give details of all convictions and/or formal written police cautions, binding overs and spent convictions, including those received outside Great Britain).

Date	**Offence**
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Previous home address(es) from the past five years:

Address 1

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.....Postcode .....

From ..... To .....

Address 2

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.....Postcode .....

From ..... To .....

Address 3

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.....Postcode .....

From ..... To .....

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(If applying for a SHOTGUN certificate only go to part E)

PART D: Firearm details (if applicable).

14. Details of firearms currently held. **IMPORTANT: Please read notes 21 and 22 before completion**

If none write NONE here:

Calibre Metric/Imperial	Type	Make e.g. Winchester	Serial No	Reason e.g. Target, vermin (please provide land/club details)

15. Details of firearms to be acquired. **IMPORTANT: Please read notes 21 and 22 before completion**

If none write NONE here:

Calibre Metric/Imperial	Type	Reason e.g. Target, vermin (please provide land/club details)

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