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FIREARMS

Firearms (Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

Made	*9th June 1995*
Coming into operation . .	*3rd July 1995*
To be laid before Parliament	

The Secretary of State, in pursuance of Articles 10(2), 14(1), 15(1) and (2), 16, 27(1) and (2), 28(6), 34(1), (3) and (5), 42(1), 58(1)(*a*) and (1A) of the Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Firearms (Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 3rd July 1995.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

(*a*) "the 1981 Order" means the Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 1981;

(*b*) references to firearms include references to imitation firearms to which the Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 1983(**b**) applies;

(*c*) any reference to a Form by number is a reference to that Form as numbered in the Schedule; and

(*d*) "Chief Constable" means the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Permits

3.—(1) A permit under Article 10(2) of the 1981 Order (permit for auctioneer) shall be in Form 1.

(2) A permit under Article 14(1) of the 1981 Order (permit to remove a firearm from or to a ship or to remove a signalling apparatus from or to an aircraft or aerodrome) shall be in Form 2.

Firearm certificates and shotgun certificates granted in Great Britain

4.—(1) Article 15(1) of the 1981 Order shall not have effect with respect to the possession in Northern Ireland by a person of any firearm (including a shotgun) or ammunition unless he—

(**a**) S.I. 1981/155 (N.I. 2) as amended by S.I. 1989/1338 (N.I. 10)
(**b**) S.I. 1983/1899 (N.I. 20)

(*a*) has furnished to the Chief Constable such particulars of that firearm and/or ammunition and such other information as the Chief Constable may require; and

(*b*) holds a written approval in the manner set out in Form 3 and for the time being in force, authorising that possession issued to him by the Chief Constable or by an officer of the Royal Ulster Constabulary designated by the Chief Constable.

(2) The Chief Constable may revoke the written authority at any time if he is satisfied that the holder is in any way unfitted to be entrusted with a firearm.

Air weapons held lawfully in Great Britain

5.—(1) Article 16 of the 1981 Order shall not have effect with respect to the possession in Northern Ireland by a person of any air weapon or ammunition unless he—

(*a*) has furnished to the Chief Constable such particulars of that air weapon or ammunition, and such other information, as the Chief Constable may require; and

(*b*) holds a written approval in the manner set out in Form 4 and for the time being in force, authorising that possession issued to him by the Chief Constable or by an officer of the Royal Ulster Constabulary designated by the Chief Constable.

(2) The Chief Constable may revoke the written approval at any time if he is satisfied that the holder is in any way unfitted to be entrusted with an air weapon.

6. Where Article 15(1) of the Order has effect in accordance with Regulation 4(1), any conditions specified in the firearm or shotgun certificate granted under the law for the time being in force in Great Britain shall have effect subject to the addition of any conditions in the approval referred to in Regulation 4(1)(*b*).

Firearm certificate

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) an application under Article 27 of the 1981 Order for the grant or renewal of a firearm certificate or under Article 29(2) of that Order for its variation shall be in Form 5 and shall contain the particulars in that form.

(2) (*a*) An application under Article 27 of the 1981 Order for the renewal of a firearm certificate where none of the details on the existing certificate have changed or where there is no request to vary current holdings shall be in Form 6.

(*b*) An application under Article 29(2) of the 1981 Order for the variation of a firearm certificate to substitute a firearm of similar calibre and type, correct an error in serial number and/or to seek a change to ammunition holding shall be in Form 7.

(3) Subject to paragraph (5), an application for—

(*a*) the grant of a firearm certificate, or

(*b*) the renewal of a firearm certificate where that firearm certificate has already been renewed since a photograph was last provided

shall be accompanied by four recent photographs of the applicant which comply with the requirements set out in paragraph (4).

(4) The photographs to be furnished in accordance with paragraph (3) shall be—

(*a*) full face without a hat;

(*b*) 45 mm by 35 mm in size;

(*c*) printed on normal photographic paper, unglazed on the reverse side, unmounted; and

(*d*) endorsed on the reverse side by a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, a Member of Parliament, Justice of the Peace, Minister of Religion, Doctor, Lawyer, Civil Servant, Bank Official or person of similar standing, with the words—

"I verify this a true likeness of (full name of person)" to which statement he shall add his occupation, normal signature and the date.

(5) Paragraph (3) shall not apply to an applicant for a firearm certificate who is resident in a county outside the United Kingdom and who has elected, in pursuance of Article 28(4) of the 1981 Order to have Article 28(3) of that Order apply to him.

8. A firearm certificate shall bear a photograph of the holder and shall be in Form 8.

Firearms dealer

9.—(1) An application under Article 34(3) or Article 34(5)(*b*) of the 1981 Order to be registered as a firearms dealer, or for a new certificate of registration, shall be in Form 9 and shall include the particulars in that form.

(2) A notification under Article 38(1) of the 1981 Order (notification that a firearms dealer proposes to carry on business as such at a place of business not yet entered in the register) shall be in Form 10 and shall include the particulars in that form.

(3) A register of transactions to be kept under Article 42 of the 1981 Order by a person who by way of trade or business manufactures, sells or transfers firearms or ammunition shall be in Form 11 and the person keeping the register shall comply with the instructions in that form.

(4) The register of firearms dealers to be kept by the Chief Constable by virtue of Article 34(1) of the 1981 Order shall be in Form 12.

Revocations

10. The Firearms (Certificates Granted in Great Britain and Air Weapons Lawfully Held in Great Britain) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(**a**) and

(**a**) S.R. 1981 No. 132

Firearms (Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986(**a**) are hereby revoked.

John Wheeler
Minister of State

Northern Ireland Office
Dated 9th June 1995

(a) S.R. 1986 No. 268

SCHEDULE FORM 1

Royal Ulster Constabulary

Permit no. _____

Expiry date _____

Auctioneer's firearm permit

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Is permitted to have the following in prosession for sale by auction and to expose for sale by auction.

Firearms

Make	Type	Serial no.	Calibre or gauge	Other distinguishing marks *(if any)*

Ammunition

Type	Quantity	Calibre

Auction Address _____

Postcode _____

Auction dates _____ to _____

Please see Permit conditions overleaf