STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 611

ARMS AND AMMUNITION

The Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 2015

Made - - - -	*9th March 2015*
Laid before Parliament	*12th March 2015*
Coming into force - -	*6th April 2015*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 43 of the Firearms Act 1968(**a**) and sections 11(4) and 17(9) of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988(**b**), makes the following Order.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 2015 and comes into force on 6th April 2015.

(2) In this Order "the 1968 Act" means the Firearms Act 1968.

(3) In this Order "the 1988 Act" means the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988.

Amendment to fees for firearm and shot gun certificates

2.—(1) Section 32(1) of the 1968 Act(**c**) (fees for firearm and shot gun certificates) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (a), for "£50" substitute "£88".

(3) In paragraph (b), for "£40" substitute "£62".

(4) In paragraph (c), for "£26" substitute "£20".

(5) In paragraph (cc), for "£9" substitute "£4".

(6) In paragraph (d), for "£50" substitute "£79.50".

(7) In paragraph (e), for "£40" substitute "£49".

(8) In paragraph (f), for "£8" substitute "£4".

Amendment to fees for registration as a firearms dealer

3.—(1) Section 35 of the 1968 Act(**d**) (fee for registration and renewal as a firearms dealer) is amended as follows.

(**a**) 1968 c. 27; section 43 is extended by sections 11(4), 15(6) and 17(9) of, and paragraph 3(2) of the Schedule to, the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988 (c. 45) but only sections 11(4) and 17(9) are relevant to this Order.

(**b**) 1988 c. 45.

(**c**) Section 32(1) was amended by S.I. 1986/986, S.I. 1986/996, S.I. 1990/290, S.I. 1990/325, S.I. 1994/2615, S.I. 1994/2652 and S.I. 2000/3148.

(**d**) Section 35 was amended by S.I. 1986/986, S.I. 1986/996, S.I. 1990/290, S.I. 1990/325, S.I. 1994/2615, S.I. 1994/2652 and S.I. 2000/3148.

(2) In subsection (1), for "£150" substitute "£200".

(3) In subsection (1A), for "£12" substitute "£13".

(4) In subsection (3), for "£150" substitute "£200".

Amendment to fees for co-terminous certificates

4. For section 11(3) of the 1988 Act(**a**) (fee for the grant or renewal of a shot gun certificate on the same occasion as the grant or renewal of a firearm certificate), substitute—

"(3) The following fees shall be payable in the following cases—

(a) where a shot gun certificate is granted to a person and on the same occasion the person is granted a firearm certificate, the fee payable on the grant of the shot gun certificate shall be £2 instead of that specified in section 32 of the principal Act;

(b) where a shot gun certificate is granted to a person and on the same occasion a firearm certificate held by the person is renewed, the fee payable on the grant of the shot gun certificate shall be £28 instead of that specified in section 32 of the principal Act;

(c) where a shot gun certificate held by a person is renewed and on the same occasion the person is granted a firearm certificate, the fee payable on the renewal of the shot gun certificate shall be £2 instead of that specified in section 32 of the principal Act;

(d) where a shot gun certificate held by a person is renewed and on the same occasion a firearm certificate held by the person is renewed, the fee payable on the renewal of the shot gun certificate shall be £3 instead of that specified in section 32 of the principal Act."

Amendment to fees for visitors' permits

5.—(1) Section 17(8) of the 1988 Act (fee for the grant of visitors' permits) is amended as follows.

(2) For "£12" substitute "£20".

(3) For "£60" substitute "£100".

Home Office
9th March 2015

Lynne Featherstone
Minister of State

(**a**) Section 11(3) was amended by S.I. 2000/3148.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, which extends to England and Wales and Scotland, varies certain fees payable under the Firearms Act 1968 and the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988. The new fee levels are set out below.

A full impact assessment of the effect that this Order will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available and is published alongside this Order on www.legislation.gov.uk.

Firearms Act 1968

Section	*Type*	*Previous Fee*	*New Fee*
32(1)(a)	Firearms Certificate Grant	£50	£88
32(1)(b)	Firearms Certificate Renewal	£40	£62
32(1)(c)	Firearms Certificate Variation	£26	£20
32(1)(cc)	Firearms Certificate Replacement	£9	£4
32(1)(d)	Shot gun Certificate Grant	£50	£79.50
32(1)(e)	Shot gun Certificate Renewal	£40	£49
32(1)(f)	Shot gun Certificate Replacement	£8	£4
35(1)	Firearms Dealer Registration	£150	£200
35(1A)	Registered Firearms Dealer Grant for Game Fair etc	£12	£13
35(3)	Firearms Dealer Renewal of Registration	£150	£200

Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988

Section	*Type*	*Previous Fee*	*New fee*
11(3)	Co-terminous grant of shot gun certificate and firearm certificate	£10	£2
	Co-terminous grant of shot gun certificate and renewal of firearm certificate	£10	£28
	Co-terminous renewal of shot gun certificate and grant of firearm certificate	£10	£2
	Co-terminous renewal of shot gun certificate and firearm certificate	£10	£3
17(8)	Visitors' Permit	£12	£20
17(8)	Visitors' Permit for Group	£60	£100

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