STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 514

ARMS AND AMMUNITION

The Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 2026

Made - - - -	*12th May 2026*
Laid before Parliament	*14th May 2026*
Coming into force - -	*4th June 2026*

The Secretary of State makes this Order 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**).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 2026 and comes into force on 4th June 2026.

(2) This Order extends to England and Wales and Scotland.

Variation of fees for firearm and shot gun certificates

2. In section 32(1) of the Firearms Act 1968(**c**) (fees for certificate and exemption from paying it in certain cases)—

(a) in paragraph (a), for "£198" substitute "£204";

(b) in paragraph (b), for "£131" substitute "£135";

(c) in paragraph (c), for "£47" substitute "£48";

(d) in paragraph (d), for "£194" substitute "£200";

(e) in paragraph (e), for "£126" substitute "£130".

(**a**) 1968 c. 27; section 43 is extended by sections 11(4) and 17(9) of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988 (c. 45).
(**b**) 1988 c. 45.
(**c**) Section 32(1) was substituted by S.I. 1990/290 (England and Wales) and 1990/325 (Scotland). S.I. 2025/36 varies certain fees payable under the Firearms Act 1968. Certain fees payable under the Firearms Act 1968 have previously been varied but are not relevant to this Order.

Variation of fees for registration as a firearms dealer

3. In section 35 of the Firearms Act 1968(**a**) (fee for registration and renewal thereof)—

(a) in subsection (1), for "£466" substitute "£480";

(b) in subsection (1A), for "£30" substitute "£31";

(c) in subsection (3), for "£466" substitute "£480".

Variation of fees for co-terminous certificates

4. In section 11(3) of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988(**b**) (grant of co-terminous certificates)—

(a) in paragraph (b), for "£71" substitute "£73";

(b) in paragraph (d), for "£24" substitute "£25".

Variation of fees for visitors' permits

5. In section 17(8) of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988(**c**) (visitors' permits)—

(a) for "£47" substitute "£48";

(b) for "£233" substitute "£240".

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Minister of State
Home Office

12th May 2026

(**a**) Sections 35(1) and (3) were substituted by (England, Wales) S.I. 1990/290 and (Scotland) S.I. 1990/325. Section 35(1A) was inserted by (Scotland) S.I. 1986/996 and (England, Wales) S.I. 1986/986. S.I. 2025/36 varies certain fees payable under the Firearms Act 1968. Certain fees payable under the Firearms Act 1968 have previously been varied but are not relevant to this Order.

(**b**) Section 11(3) was substituted by S.I. 2015/611. S.I. 2025/36 varies certain fees payable under the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988. Certain fees payable under the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988 have previously been varied but are not relevant to this Order.

(**c**) S.I. 2025/36 varies certain fees payable under the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988. Certain fees payable under the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988 have previously been varied but are not relevant to this Order.

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 has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant impact on the private sector, voluntary sector or community bodies is foreseen. An economic note is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum and is available alongside this instrument on www.legislation.gov.uk. Copies may be obtained from the Firearms and Weapons Policy Unit of the Crime Directorate of the Public Safety Group of the Home Office at 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DF.

Table 1

Firearms Act 1968

Section	Type	Previous Fee	New Fee
32(1)(a)	Firearms Certificate Grant	£198	£204
32(1)(b)	Firearms Certificate Renewal	£131	£135
32(1)(c)	Firearms Certificate Variation	£47	£48
32(1)(d)	Shot Gun Certificate Grant	£194	£200
32(1)(e)	Shot Gun Certificate Renewal	£126	£130
35(1)	Firearms Dealer Registration	£466	£480
35(1A)	Registered Firearms Dealer Grant for Game Fair etc	£30	£31
35(3)	Firearms Dealer Renewal of Registration	£466	£480

Table 2

Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988

Section	Type	Previous Fee	New Fee
11(3)(b)	Co-terminous Grant of Shot Gun Certificate and Renewal of Firearm Certificate	£71	£73
11(3)(d)	Co-terminous Renewal of Firearm Certificate and Shot Gun Certificate	£24	£25
17(8)	Visitors' Permit	£47	£48
17(8)	Visitors' Permit for Group	£233	£240

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