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ARMS AND AMMUNITION

The Shot Guns Rules 1968

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In pursuance of section 30 of the Firearms Act 1937(a), section 9 of the Firearms Act 1965(b) and sections 85, 87 and 88 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967(c), I hereby make the following Rules:—

1. A shot gun certificate shall be granted or renewed subject to the following conditions, and no others, that is to say:—

(i) the holder must, on receipt of the certificate, sign it in ink with his usual signature;

(ii) the holder of the certificate must inform at once the chief officer of police by whom it was granted of the theft or loss in Great Britain of any shot gun in his possession.

2. Subject to the provisions of Rule 6 of these Rules, an application for the grant of a shot gun certificate shall be in the form set out in Part I of Schedule 1 to these Rules, or a form to the like effect.

3.—(1) The information given by an applicant in answer to the questions numbered 1 to 10 in the form set out as aforesaid shall be verified by the signed statement of a person who satisfies the requirements of paragraph (2) of this Rule that that information is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, correct.

(2) To satisfy the requirements of this paragraph a person must not be a member of the applicant's family, and must be—

(a) a British subject; and

(b) a member of Parliament, justice of the peace, minister of religion, doctor, lawyer, bank officer or person of similar standing;

and have known the applicant personally for at least two years.

4. Subject to the provisions of Rule 6 of these Rules, an application for the renewal of a shot gun certificate shall be in the form set out in Part II of Schedule 1 to these Rules, or a form to the like effect, and shall be accompanied by the certificate to be renewed if it is available.

5. Subject to the provisions of Rule 6 of these Rules, a shot gun certificate, whether it is issued by way of grant or of renewal, shall be in the form set out in Part III of Schedule 1 to these Rules.

6. A person who is ordinarily resident outside Great Britain, or has been so resident at any time during the two years ending with the date of his application,

(a) 1937 c. 12. (b) 1965 c. 44. (c) 1967 c. 80.

may apply in the form set out in Part I of Schedule 2 to these Rules, or a form to the like effect, for the grant of a shot gun certificate under this Rule (hereafter in these Rules referred to as a visitor's certificate) or for the renewal of such a certificate.

7.—(1) The information given by an applicant in answer to the questions numbered 1 to 8 in the form set out in Part I of Schedule 2 to these Rules shall be verified by the signed statement of a person who satisfies the requirements of paragraph (2) of this Rule that that information is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, correct.

(2) To satisfy the requirements of this paragraph a person must not be a member of the applicant's family, and must be a member of Parliament, justice of the peace, minister of religion, doctor, lawyer, bank officer or person of similar standing, and know the applicant personally.

8.—(1) A visitor's certificate, whether it is issued by way of grant or of renewal, shall be in the form set out in Part II of Schedule 2 to these Rules.

(2) A visitor's certificate issued after 31st October 1968 shall, unless previously revoked or cancelled, continue in force for six months from the date when it was granted or last renewed.

9. The forms set out in Schedule 3 to these Rules, or forms to the like effect, shall be used for permits issued in respect of shot guns under section 4(12) of the Firearms Act 1937, as extended by section 85 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967, and under section 7(1) of the said Act of 1937, as extended by section 9 of the Firearms Act 1965, respectively.

10. The Interpretation Act 1889(a) shall apply for the interpretation of these Rules as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

11. These Rules may be cited as the Shot Guns Rules 1968 and shall come into operation on 1st May 1968.

James Callaghan,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
8th January 1968.

(a) 1889 c. 63.

SCHEDULE 1

Rule 2

PART I

Form of application for the grant of a Shot Gun Certificate

1 Name of applicant ....
(Mr, Mrs, Miss or title) Initials Surname

2 Full postal address ..... 3 Date of birth .....
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4 Nationality ..... 5 Place of birth .....

6 Height ..... 7 If married woman, surname before marriage.....

8 If the address at 2 is not your permanent one, please give permanent address below:
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9 If you have lived at other addresses during the last 3 years, give them below:
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10 Business address .....

11 Do you suffer from any form of mental disorder or defect? YES/NO
If YES, give details:

12 Have you been convicted of ANY offence other than minor traffic offences? YES/NO
If YES, give details:

13 I hereby apply to the chief officer of police for a shot gun certificate and I declare that the statements made on this form are true.
Date..... Usual signature of applicant .....
If the applicant is under 17 years of age, signature of parent or guardian
.....

14 COUNTERSIGNATURE
I certify that the applicant.....has been known personally to me for ..... years and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the answers given to questions 1 to 10 above are correct. I am a British subject.
Profession or occupation ..... Signed .....
Address.....

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15 FULL name of applicant .....
(State Mr, Mrs, Miss or title) Forenames Surname

16 Do you hold a firearm certificate? YES/NO
If YES, give: Number .....
Date of issue .....
Place of issue .....

17 Are you applying for a certificate so that you may buy a shot gun? YES/NO

PART II

Rule 4

Form of application for the renewal of a Shot Gun Certificate

1 Nationality .....

2 Height .....

Name and address of applicant

3 Business address .....
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4 Permanent address if different from 10
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5 Details of shot gun certificate to be renewed:
Number..... Valid from..... until .....
Issuing Authority .....

6 Do you suffer from any form of mental disorder or defect? YES/NO
If YES, give details:

7 Have you been convicted of ANY offence since your last certificate was issued other than minor traffic offences? YES/NO
If YES, give details:

8 I hereby apply to the chief officer of police for the renewal of the shot gun certificate specified above, and I declare that the statements made on this form are true.
Date..... Usual signature of applicant .....
If the applicant is under 17 years of age, signature of parent of guardian
.....

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9 FULL name of applicant .....
(State Mr, Mrs, Miss or title) Forenames Surname

10 Full postal address .....

11 Do you hold a firearm certificate? YES/NO
If YES, give: Number .....
Date of issue .....
Place of issue .....

Rule 5

PART III

Form of ordinary Shot Gun Certificate

(*Front*)

NOTES

A shot gun is defined as a smooth bore gun, other than an air weapon, with a barrel not less than 24 inches in length.

A person under the age of 17 is not permitted to purchase or hire a shot gun or ammunition for a shot gun.

It is an offence to make a gift of a shot gun to any person under the age of 15.

A person under the age of 15 may not have with him an assembled shot gun unless under the supervision of a person over the age of 21 or unless the gun is covered with a gun cover so that it cannot be fired.

Criminal Justice Act 1967

Shot Gun Certificate

This certificate is issued subject to the following conditions:

1. The holder must, on receipt of this certificate, sign it in ink with his usual signature.
2. The holder of this certificate must inform at once the chief officer of police by whom it was granted of the theft or loss in Great Britain of any shot gun in his possession.

(*Back*)

No._____

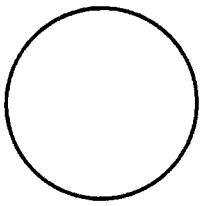
The holder of this certificate is authorised for the purposes of section 85(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 (or any re-enactment thereof) to possess shot guns, and to purchase and acquire them, subject to the conditions overleaf.

Valid from..... until .....inclusive

Name and address of holder

Date of birth:

Over 21 years of age



Signature of holder:

..... Stamp of Issuing Authority

The holder should notify the chief officer of the police force shown hereon of any change of address. Failure to do so may lead to delay in renewal.

SCHEDULE 2

PART I

Rule 6

Form of application by a visitor to Great Britain for the grant or renewal of a Visitor's Shot Gun Certificate

1 Full name of applicant ....
(State Mr, Mrs, Miss or title) Forenames Surname

2 Principal address in this country .....

3 Date of birth ..... 4 Nationality .....

5 Have you a passport? YES/NO If YES, write its number here .....

6 If you have a national identity card write its number here .....

7 Date of entry into Great Britain .....

8 Are you ordinarily resident outside Great Britain, or have you been so at any time during the last two years? YES/NO
If YES, give address: .....

9 Do you suffer from any form of mental disorder or defect? YES/NO
If YES, give details:

10 Have you been convicted of ANY offence other than minor traffic offences? YES/NO
If YES, give details:

11 Details of visitor's shot gun certificate to be renewed (if none, write NONE):
Number..... Valid from..... until .....
Issuing Authority .....

12 I hereby apply to the chief officer of police for a visitor's certificate. The statements I have made on this form are true.
Date.....Usual signature of applicant.....

13 COUNTERSIGNATURE
I certify that the applicant.....is known to me and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the answers given to questions 1 to 8 above are correct.
Signed .....
Profession or occupation.....Address .....
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Rule 8

PART II

Form of Visitor's Shot Gun Certificate

(*Front*)

NOTES

A shot gun is defined as a smooth bore gun, other than an air weapon, with a barrel not less than 24 inches in length.

A person under the age of 17 is not permitted to purchase or hire a shot gun or ammunition for a shot gun.

It is an offence to make a gift of a shot gun to any person under the age of 15.

A person under the age of 15 may not have with him an assembled shot gun unless under the supervision of a person over the age of 21 or unless the gun is covered with a gun cover so that it cannot be fired.

Criminal Justice Act 1967

Visitor's
Shot Gun Certificate

This certificate is issued subject to the following conditions:

1. The holder must, on receipt of this certificate, sign it in ink with his usual signature.
2. The holder of this certificate must inform at once the chief officer of police by whom it was granted of the theft or loss in Great Britain of any shot gun in his possession.

(*Back*)

No. _____

The holder of this certificate is authorised for the purposes of section 85(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 (or any re-enactment thereof) to possess shot guns, and to purchase and acquire them, subject to the conditions overleaf.

Valid from..... until.....inclusive

Name and address of holder

Date of birth:

Over 21 years of age

Signature of holder:

..... Stamp of Issuing Authority

SCHEDULE 3

Rule 9

Form of Permit to have possession of shot guns

Permit No. .... Police

.....
(Name)

of .....
(Address)

is hereby permitted to have shot guns in his possession until.....19... (but not to purchase or acquire them) on the terms that:—

(1) The person to whom this permit is granted shall inform the chief officer of police at once of the name and address of any person purchasing or acquiring any shot gun from the holder of this permit.

(2) Any theft or loss shall be reported at once to the chief officer of police.

(3) This permit shall be returned to the chief officer of police on or before the above-mentioned date.

..... (Date)

Stamp of Issuing Authority

Form of Permit for an Auctioneer to sell by auction, expose for sale by auction, and have in his possession for sale by auction, a shot gun or shot guns

..... (Police area)

Auctioneers' Permit Book No. ..... Permit No. .....

Permission is hereby granted to the auctioneer(s)

..... of
(Name)

.....
(Address)

to have shot guns in possession for sale by auction and to expose them for sale by auction, and to sell them by auction in the above-mentioned police area on the terms that:—

(1) The person to whom this permit is granted shall inform the chief officer of police at once of the name and address of any person purchasing or acquiring any shot gun from the holder of this permit.

(2) Any theft or loss shall be reported at once to the chief officer of police.

(3) This permit shall be returned to the chief officer of police on or before the date on which it expires.

This permit expires on .....
(Date)

Stamp of Issuing Authority

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules prescribe the conditions to be included in shot gun certificates, the manner in which applications are to be verified and the forms for use in connection with the issue of shot gun certificates and permits. Rule 8(2) fixes six months as the term of a visitor's certificate issued after October 1968.