

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION 480.02**ARMS LICENSING REGULATIONS**

25th August, 2006

LEGAL NOTICE 177 of 2006, as amended by Legal Notices 197 of 2011, 75 of 2013, 206, 207 of 2015, 150 of 2017, 406 of 2018 and 77 of 2026.

Preliminary

- 1.** The title of these regulations is the Arms Licensing Regulations. Title.
- 2.** (1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires: Interpretation.
- "the Act" means the Arms Act; Cap. 480.
- "the Board" means the Weapons Board constituted and appointed in accordance with article 49 of the Act;
- "the Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Police;
- "the Ordinance" means the Arms Ordinance repealed by the Act.
- (2) Terms, words and phrases used in these regulations and which are also used in the Act shall have the same meaning as is assigned to them by article 2 of the Act.

Part I**Collector Licence A**

- 3.** In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires: Definitions.
- "applicant" means an applicant for a licence under this Part;
- "licence" means the collector licence A referred to in regulation 4;
- "licensee" means any person who holds a licence under this Part.
- 4.** (1) Any person who intends to pursue the collection of arms and ammunition may apply to the Commissioner for a licence under this regulation to be known as a "Collector Licence A". The application must be accompanied by the appropriate processing fee. Collector licence A.
*Amended by:
L.N. 406 of 2018.*
- (2) An applicant must be a member of a body or organization representing arms collectors recognized by the Board and must have his application endorsed by that body or organization.
- (3) An applicant must produce a valid medical certificate attesting to his physical and psychological fitness for the purposes of this regulation.
- 5.** The Board shall: Functions of the Board concerning applications for collector licence A.
- (a) interview the applicant in order to establish his knowledge of, the history of arms, the provisions of the Act and of the regulations made thereunder, and the safe handling and keeping of arms;
- (b) ensure that the applicant is aware of his

responsibilities under the Act and any regulations made thereunder and has the means to keep the arms in a safe and secure manner; and

- (c) notify the Commissioner of its recommendation within one month from the date on which the application was filed.

Notification of
Commissioner's
decision on
application for
collector licence A.

6. The Commissioner shall notify the applicant of his decision within one month from receiving the Board's recommendation and shall issue the licence where his decision is in favour of granting such a licence.

Rights granted by
collector licence A.
Amended by:
L.N. 75 of 2013;
L.N. 406 of 2018.

7. (1) By virtue of the licence granted under this Part the licensee shall be entitled to acquire, keep and dispose of any of the following:

- (a) *(Deleted by L.N. 406 of 2018);*
- (b) arms described under Schedule II;
- (c) *(Deleted by L.N. 75 of 2013);*
- (d) any arm described under Schedule III of the Act;
- (e) any ammunition not listed under Schedule I of the Act provided it is in good order and may be kept safely for collection purposes only.

(2) Any person who is in possession of this licence as well as a Target Shooter Licence A issued under Part III of these regulations is entitled to carry to a licensed range and use for target shooting activities any Schedule II firearm held under the Collector Licence A.

Obligations of
holder of collector
licence A.
Amended by:
L.N. 406 of 2018.

8. The licensee shall:

- (a) keep a detailed inventory showing every movement or transfer of any arm or ammunition in his possession or under his control;
- (b) keep any arms and ammunition falling under Schedule II of the Act under lock and key in a secure area within his residence and ensure that no one other than himself has access to them Arms and ammunition shall be stored separately;
- (c) adopt any specific additional security measures that from time to time may be imposed by the Commissioner as may be recommended by the Board;
- (d) obtain his club's endorsement as an arms collector before the renewal of his licence.

Collector Licence
A Special.
Added by:
L.N.406 of 2018.

Collector Licence A Special

8A. (1) A holder of a Collector Licence A who, as at the date of entry into force of this provision, is in possession of Schedule I firearms shall be eligible to a Collector Licence A Special, provided that as at the time of review of the said Collector Licence A, he shall meet the requirements for the award of the Collector

Licence A Special, except for the condition in sub-regulation 2(a).

(2) (a) Any person who is in possession of a Collector Licence A may apply for a Collector Licence A Special after a period of two years, provided that he still fulfils all the conditions for a Collector Licence A.

(b) An applicant must be a member of a body or organization representing arms collectors recognized by the Board and must have his application endorsed by that body or organization.

(3) The Commissioner shall notify the applicant of his decision within one month from receiving the Board's recommendation and shall issue the licence where his decision is in favour of granting such a licence.

(4) (a) By virtue of this licence the licensee shall be able to acquire, keep and dispose of any firearm referred to in regulation 7(1).

(b) The licensee shall be entitled to acquire, keep and dispose of any arms described under Schedule I which are antique, historical, rare or artistic.

(c) The licensee shall also be entitled to acquire, keep and dispose of firearms under items 15 and 16 of Schedule I.

(d) The licensee shall also be entitled to acquire, keep and dispose of any arms that may be acquired, kept and disposed of by a holder of a Collector Licence A.

(e) Any person who is in possession of this licence as well as a Target Shooter Licence A issued under Part III is entitled to carry to a licensed range and use for target shooting activities any Schedule II firearm held under this licence.

(f) Any person who is in possession of this licence as well as a Target Shooter Licence A Special issued under Part III of these regulations is entitled to carry to a licensed range and use for target shooting activities any firearm falling under Schedule I, item 15.

(5) The licensee shall:

(a) keep a detailed inventory showing every movement or transfer of any arm or ammunition in his possession or under his control;

(b) keep any arms and ammunition falling under Schedule I and Schedule II of the Act under lock and key in a secure area within his residence and ensure that no one other than himself has access to them. Arms and ammunition shall be stored separately;

(c) adopt any specific additional security measures that from time to time may be imposed by the Commissioner as may be recommended by the Board;

and

- (d) obtain his club's endorsement as an arms collector before the renewal of his licence.

Part II

Collector Licence B

Definitions.

9. In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires:

"applicant" means an applicant for a licence under this Part;

"licence" means the collector licence B referred to in regulation 10;

"licensee" means any person who holds a licence under this Part.

Collector licence B.

10. (1) Any person who, on the coming into force of the Act -

(a) is in possession of a licence "to keep" under article 3 of the Ordinance, and

(b) desires to keep the arms covered by the licence under the same conditions operative under the licence,

may apply to the Commissioner for a licence under this Part, to be known as a "Collector Licence B", and such licence shall be granted without the need of any further formality. The provisions of regulation 11 shall not apply to an application under this paragraph.

(2) Any person who, after the date of the coming into force of the Act -

(a) by way of inheritance, comes into the possession of an arm or of a collection of arms which were licensed under the Ordinance immediately before succession in ownership, and

(b) desires to keep those arms for collection purposes only,

may apply to the Commissioner for a licence under this Part.

(3) Any person who, after the date of the coming into force of the Act -

(a) is in possession of a target shooter licence and, or a hunting licence under the Act, and

(b) does not wish to continue to practice the sport of target shooting or of hunting, and

(c) desires to retain the arm or arms in his possession which he used in the practice of his sport,

may apply to the Commissioner for a licence under this Part.

Documents.
Amended by:
L.N. 406 of 2018.

11. (1) Saving the provisions of regulation 10(1), any person who applies for a licence under this Part shall submit the appropriate application form and submit the necessary documents proving his legal title to the arm or arms and, or ammunition to the Commissioner.

(2) An applicant must produce a valid medical certificate attesting to his physical and psychological fitness for the purposes of this regulation.

- 12.** The Board shall:
- (a) ensure that the applicant is aware of his responsibilities under the Act and any regulations made hereunder and that he has the means to keep the arms in a safe and secure manner; and
 - (b) notify the Commissioner of its recommendation within one month from the date on which the application was filed.
- 13.** The Commissioner shall notify the applicant of his decision within one month from receiving the Board's recommendation and shall issue the licence where his decision is in favour of granting such a licence.
- 14.** By virtue of the licence granted under this Part the licensee shall be entitled only to keep and dispose of the arms mentioned in regulation 10.
- 15.** The licensee shall:
- (a) keep any arms and ammunition falling under Schedule I and Schedule II of the Act under lock and key in a secure area within his residence and ensure that no one other than himself has access to them;
 - (b) adopt any specific additional security measures that from time to time may be imposed by the Commissioner as may be recommended by the Board.

Functions of the Board concerning applications for collector licence B.

Notification of Commissioner's decision on application for collector licence B.

Rights granted by collector licence B.

Obligations of holder of a collector licence B.

Part III

Target Shooter Licence A

- 16.** In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires:
- "applicant" means an applicant for a licence under this Part;
- "licence" means the target shooter licence A referred to in regulation 17;
- "licensee" means any person who holds a licence under this Part.
- 17.** (1) Any person who intends to acquire and keep a firearm to actively pursue the sport of target shooting as is referred to in regulation 20(a) and (d) may apply to the Commissioner for a licence under this regulation to be known as a "Target Shooter Licence A".
- (2) An applicant must be a member of a target shooting club, licensed as such under the Act, set up for the practice of target shooting disciplines.
- (3) An applicant must produce a valid medical certificate attesting to his physical and psychological fitness for the purposes of this regulation.
- 18.** The Board shall:
- (a) ensure that the applicant is a member of a club as is referred to in regulation 17(2) and is recommended for the license by the same club after he has successfully attended a firearms safety course organized by the

Definitions.

Target shooter licence A.
Amended by:
L.N. 75 of 2013;
L.N. 406 of 2018.

Functions of the Board concerning applications for Target Shooter Licence A.

same club or any other body or authority recognized by the Board;

- (b) ensure that the applicant is aware of his responsibilities under the Act and any regulations made thereunder and has the means to keep the arms in a safe and secure manner;
- (c) notify the Commissioner of its recommendation within one month from the date on which the application was filed.

Notification of Commissioner's decision on application for a target shooter licence A.

19. The Commissioner shall notify the applicant of his decision within one month from receiving the Board's recommendation and shall issue the licence where his decision is in favour of granting such licence.

Rights granted by target shooter licence A.

*Amended by:
L.N. 206 of 2015;
L.N. 406 of 2018.*

20. By virtue of the licence granted under this Part the licensee shall be entitled to acquire, keep, carry, use and dispose of any of the following:

- (a) a maximum of twenty arms described in items 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule II of the Act;
- (b) parts described in item 9 of Part 1 of Schedule II of the Act in respect of arms as referred to in paragraph (a);
- (c) a maximum of seven thousand rounds of brass ammunition described in Schedule II of the Act in respect of arms referred to in paragraph (a);
- (d) arms described in item 1 of Part II of Schedule II of the Act.

Obligations of holder of a target shooter licence A.
*Amended by:
L.N. 75 of 2013.*

- 21.** (1) The licensee shall:
- (a) keep the arms locked safely and separately from ammunition;
 - (b) not carry more than three arms from his residence to a licensed range and back;
 - (c) adopt any specific additional security measures that from time to time may be imposed by the Commissioner as may be recommended by the Board;
 - (d) keep proper records of ammunition stocks;
 - (e) obtain his club's endorsement as a target shooting practicing member before the renewal of his licence;
 - (f) be in possession of a policy of insurance for third party risks.

(2) When carrying arms from his residence to a licensed range and back the licensee shall do so by the most expeditious route and within a reasonable time before or after the event, as the case may be, and shall keep the arms safely locked separately from the ammunition.

Target Shooter Licence A Special

Target Shooter
Licence A
Special.
Added by:
L.N.406 of 2018.

21A. (1) Any person in possession of a Target Shooter Licence A may, after a period of at least 12 months in possession of such licence, apply for a Target Shooter Licence A Special. Persons in possession of firearms listed in item 15 of Schedule I, as at the date of entry into force of this provision, shall be issued with a Target Shooter Licence A Special provided that they still fulfil conditions for a Target Shooter Licence A. These persons shall subsequently be required to comply with all the conditions applicable to Target Shooter Licence A Special.

(2) The Target Shooter Licence A Special shall authorize the licensee to possess, acquire and dispose of firearms listed in regulation 20.

(3) Target Shooter Licence A Special shall also authorize the licensee to possess, acquire and dispose of firearms listed in item 15 of Schedule I, provided that the limits set out in regulation 20 are respected.

(4) The Target Shooter Licence A Special shall also authorise the licensee to possess, acquire and dispose of firearms that may be owned, acquired and disposed of by the holder of a Target Shooter Licence A.

(5) The remaining provisions applying to a Target Shooter Licence A shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the present licence.

(6) An applicant shall provide proof that he is actively practising for or participating in shooting competitions recognised by an officially recognised shooting sports organisation or by an internationally established and officially recognised shooting sport organisation, as identified by the Board. Such proof shall include records of attendance to target shooting events, sessions and training.

(7) An applicant shall also provide a certificate from an officially recognised shooting sports organisation, as identified by the Board, confirming that:

- (a) the target shooter is a member of a shooting club and has been regularly practising target shooting in it for at least 12 months; and
- (b) the firearm in question fulfils the specifications required for a shooting discipline recognised by an internationally established and officially recognised shooting sport federation.

Part IV

Target Shooter Licence B

22. In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires:

"applicant" means an applicant for a licence under this Part;

"licence" means the target shooter licence B referred to in

Definitions.

regulation 23;

"licensee" means any person who holds a licence under this Part.

Target shooter
licence B.
Amended by:
L.N. 75 of 2013;
L.N. 406 of 2018.

23. (1) Any person who intends to actively pursue the sport of target shooting by means of an arm as is referred to in regulation 26(a) apply to the Commissioner for a licence under this Part, to be known as a "Target Shooter Licence B".

(2) Any person who intends to acquire and keep a firearm to actively pursue the sport of target shooting as is referred to in regulation 26(a) and (d) may apply to the Commissioner for a licence under this regulation to be known as a "Target Shooter Licence B".

(3) An applicant must be a member of a target shooting club, licensed as such under the Act, set up for the practice of target shooting disciplines.

(4) An applicant must produce a valid medical certificate attesting to his physical and psychological fitness for the purposes of this regulation.

Functions of the
Board concerning
applications for
target shooter
licence B.

24. The Board shall:

- (a) ensure that the applicant is a member of a target shooting club licensed as such by the Commissioner and is recommended for the license by the same club after he has successfully attended a firearms safety course organized by the same club or any other body or authority recognized by the Board;
- (b) ensure that the applicant is aware of his responsibilities under the Act and any regulations made thereunder and has the means to keep the arms in a safe and secure manner;
- (c) notify the Commissioner of its recommendation within one month from the date on which the application was filed.

Notification of
Commissioner's
decision on
application for
target shooter
licence B.

25. The Commissioner shall notify the applicant of his decision within one month from receiving the Board's recommendation and shall issue the licence where his decision is in favour of granting such licence.

Rights granted by
target shooter
licence B.
Amended by:
L.N. 206 of 2015.

26. By virtue of the licence granted under this Part the licensee shall be entitled to acquire, keep, carry, use and dispose of any of the following:

- (a) arms described in items 5,6 and 8 of Part 1 of Schedule II of the Act;
- (b) arms described in Part 1 of Schedule III item 2 of the Act;
- (c) muzzle loading arms described in Part 1 of Schedule III item 1 of the Act;
- (d) a maximum number of ten thousand rounds of ammunition for fire-arms under item 5 of Schedule II of the Act in respect of arms referred to this

regulation;

- (e) parts described in item 9 of Part 1 of Schedule II of the Act in respect of arms falling under paragraph (a).

27. The licensee shall:

- (a) keep the arms locked safely and separately from ammunition;
- (b) not carry more than three arms from his residence to a licensed range and back;
- (c) adopt any specific additional security measures that from time to time may be imposed by the Commissioner as may be recommended by the Board;
- (d) keep proper records of ammunition stocks;
- (e) obtain his club's endorsement as a target shooting practicing member before the renewal of his licence;
- (f) be in possession of a policy of insurance for third party risks.

Obligations of holder of target shooter licence B.
Amended by:
L.N. 75 of 2013.

28. (1) In the case of persons who are in possession of a valid Target Shooting Licence A and, or B, the Commissioner may issue a Target Shooting Licence B (Airgun) to such persons, without any further formality.

Permit to exercise clay pigeon target shooting.
Substituted by:
L.N. 75 of 2013.

(2) In the case of persons who are in possession of a valid hunting licence, the Commissioner may issue a Target Shooting Licence B to such persons for the practice of clay pigeon target shooting only, without any further formality:

Provided that if the licensee ceases to practice hunting, the licensee shall obtain a clay pigeon club endorsement as a target shooting practising member before the renewal of his licence.

Part V

Arms Dealer Licence

29. In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires:

Definitions.

"applicant" means an applicant for a licence under this Part;

"licence" means the arms dealer licence referred to in regulation 30;

"licensee" means any person who holds a licence under this Part.

30. (1) Any person who intends to trade in arms proper and ammunition and who is in possession of any relevant permits as may be required by law may apply to the Commissioner for an arms dealer licence under this Part.

Arms dealer licence.
Amended by:
L.N. 406 of 2018.

(2) An applicant must produce a valid medical certificate attesting to his physical and psychological fitness for the purposes of this regulation.

31. The Board shall:

- (a) interview the applicant in order to establish his knowledge of the arms, the provisions of the Act and

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of the regulations made thereunder, and the safe handling and keeping of arms;

- (b) ensure that the applicant is aware of his responsibilities under Act and regulations and that he has the means to keep the arms in a safe and secure manner;
- (c) notify the Commissioner of its recommendation within one month from the date on which the application was filed.

Notification of
Commissioner's
decision on
application for
arms dealer
licence.

32. The Commissioner shall notify the applicant of his decision within one month from receiving the Board's recommendation and shall issue the licence where his decision is in favour of granting such a licence.

Rights granted by
arms dealer
licence.

33. By virtue of the licence granted under this Part the licensee shall be entitled to import, acquire, keep and dispose of arms proper and ammunition in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Obligations of
holder of arms
dealer licence.
*Amended by:
L.N. 206 of 2015;
L.N. 406 of 2018.*

34. The licensee shall:

- (a) keep detailed records of every movement or transfer of any arm or ammunition in his possession or under his control, including the full particulars of the vendor or purchaser;
- (b) keep all arms and ammunition on display in a secure and locked display furniture and keep any other arms or ammunition in a strong room or gun safe within his premises and ensure that no one other than himself or an employee duly registered with the Commissioner of Police, has access to the arms and ammunition without their presence and consent;
- (c) not store more than two hundred and fifty thousand rounds of ammunition for firearms under item 5 of Schedule II of the Act and seventy-five thousand rounds of brass ammunition in the premises;
- (d) not deliver any arm or ammunition to the purchaser unless the latter is in possession of the corresponding licence;
- (e) consent to periodic inspections by authorized police officers;
- (f) install an alarm system with a phone dialler linked to the Police.
- (g) refuse to complete any transaction for the acquisition of complete rounds of ammunition, or components of ammunition, which he reasonably considers to be suspicious owing to its nature or scale, and shall report any such attempted transaction to the competent authorities.

Part VI

Substitute Arms Dealer Licence

*Added by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.*

- 35.** In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires:
"applicant" means an applicant for a licence under this Part;
"licence" means the substitute arms dealer licence referred to in regulation 36;
"licensee" means any person who holds a licence under this Part.

*Definitions.
Added by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.*

36. (1) Any person who intends to work as an assistant with a licensed dealer may apply to the Commissioner for a substitute arms dealer licence under this Part. Such an application shall be endorsed by the licensed dealer with whom the assistant intends to work.

*Substitute Arms
Dealer Licence.
Added by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.
Amended by:
L.N. 406 of 2019.*

(2) An applicant must produce a valid medical certificate attesting to his physical and psychological fitness for the purposes of this regulation.

37. The Board shall:

- (a) interview the applicant in order to establish his knowledge of the arms, the provisions of the Act and of the regulations made there under, and the safe handling and keeping of arms;
- (b) ensure that the applicant is aware of his responsibilities under the Act and regulations and that he has the means to keep the arms in a safe and secure manner; and
- (c) notify the Commissioner of its recommendation within one month from the date on which the application was filed.

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Board concerning
applications for
substitute arms
dealer licence.
Added by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.*

38. The Commissioner shall notify the applicant of his decision within one month from receiving the Board's recommendation and shall issue the licence where his decision is in favour of granting such a licence.

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Commissioner's
decision on
application for
substitute arms
dealer licence.
Added by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.*

39. By virtue of the licence granted under this Part the licensee shall:

- (a) substitute and assist the dealer in attending to clients;
- (b) clear arms and ammunition from Customs;
- (c) fill in applications for transfers;
- (d) carry arms and ammunition to or from clients in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

*Rights granted by
substitute arms
dealer licence.
Added by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.*

40. The licensee shall assist the arms dealer in fulfilment of the duties set out in regulation 34(a) to (d), and shall allow periodic inspections by authorised police officers in the absence of the arms dealer.

*Obligations of
holder of substitute
arms dealer
licence.
Added by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.*

Termination of
substitute arms
dealer licence.
Added by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

41. The licence shall cease to be valid in the event that the licensee's employment with the licensed dealer is terminated.

Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

Part VII

Gunsmith Licence

Definitions.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

42. In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires:

"applicant" means an applicant for a licence under this Part;

"licence" means the gunsmith licence referred to in regulation 43;

"licensee" means any person who holds a licence under this Part.

Gunsmith licence.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.
Amended by:
L.N. 406 of 2018.

43. (1) Any person who intends to manufacture and, or repair arms and who is in possession of any relevant permits as may be required by law may apply to the Commissioner for a gunsmith licence.

(2) An applicant must produce a valid medical certificate attesting to his physical and psychological fitness for the purposes of this regulation.

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Board concerning
applications for
gunsmith licence.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

44. The Board shall:

- (a) interview the applicant in order to establish his knowledge of arms, the provisions of the Act and of the regulations made thereunder, and the safe handling and keeping of arms;
- (b) ensure that the applicant is aware of his responsibilities under Act and regulations and that he has the means to keep the arms in a safe and secure manner;
- (c) notify the Commissioner of its recommendation within one month from the date on which the application was filed.

Notification of
Commissioner's
decision on
application for
gunsmith licence.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

45. The Commissioner shall notify the applicant of his decision within one month from receiving the Board's recommendation and shall issue the licence where his decision is in favour of granting such a licence.

Rights granted by
gunsmith licence.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

46. By virtue of the licence granted under this Part the licensee shall be entitled to make, repair, restore, manufacture, alter, modify or convert firearms.

Obligations of
holder of gunsmith
licence.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.
Amended by:
L.N. 75 of 2013.

47. The licensee shall:

- (a) keep detailed records of every movement of any arm, including the full particulars of the owner and his licence;
- (b) keep any arms and ammunition in a strong room or gun safe within his premises and ensure that no one other than himself or an employee duly registered with the Commissioner of Police has access to the arms and

- ammunition;
- (c) not store more than one thousand five hundred rounds of ammunition for testing purposes only and not for resale;
 - (d) consent to periodic inspections by authorized police officers;
 - (e) install an alarm system with a phone dialler linked to the Police;
 - (f) be in possession of a policy of insurance for third party risks.

Part VIII

Target Shooting Club Licence

*Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.*

48. In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires:

"applicant" means an applicant for a licence under this Part;

"licence" means the target shooting club licence referred to in regulation 49;

"licensee" means any person who holds a licence under this Part.

Definitions.
*Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.*

49. (1) Any person who intends to set up a club for the organization and carrying out of target shooting activities as provided for in the Act may apply to the Commissioner for a target shooting club licence.

Target shooting club licence.
*Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.
Amended by:
L.N. 406 of 2018.*

(2) An applicant or applicants must produce a valid medical certificate attesting to his/their physical and psychological fitness for the purposes of this regulation.

50. The Board shall:

- (a) verify that the statute of the club provides for the activities in respect of which the application has been filed;
- (b) ascertain the types of target shooting activities which the club will cater for;
- (c) notify the Commissioner of its recommendation within one month from the date on which the application was filed.

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*Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.*

51. The Commissioner shall notify the applicant of his decision within one month from receiving the Board's recommendation and shall issue the licence where his decision is in favour of granting such a licence. The Commissioner shall also notify the Board of his decision.

Notification of Commissioner's decision on application for target shooting club licence.
*Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.*

52. By virtue of the licence granted under this Part the licensee shall be entitled to organize and carry out target shooting activities as specified in the license under the provisions of the Act.

Rights granted by target shooting club licence.
*Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.*

Obligations of
holder of target
shooting club
licence.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

- 53.** The licensee shall:
- (a) within one month, notify the Commissioner of any changes in the statute of the club and, or of any changes in the details given in the original application;
 - (b) ensure that target shooters who are members of the club are properly licensed under these regulations;
 - (c) maintain a proper updated register of members of the club;
 - (d) maintain a log book recording the members of the club who participate in each shooting event;
 - (e) inform the Commissioner of any disciplinary measures taken against any licensed target shooter member of the club within one month from such measures;
 - (f) inform and educate target shooter members of the club about the provisions of the Act and any regulations made thereunder, in particular on safety and security aspects of firearms and ammunition.

Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

Part IX

Target Shooting Range Licence

Definitions.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

- 54.** In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires:

"applicant" means an applicant for a licence under this Part;

"licence" means the target shooting range licence referred to in regulation 55;

"licensee" means any person who holds a licence under this Part.

Target shooting
range licence.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.
Amended by:
L.N. 406 of 2018.

55. (1) Any person who intends to operate indoor and, or outdoor shooting ranges as provided for in the Act may apply to the Commissioner for a target shooting range licence.

(2) An applicant must produce a valid medical certificate attesting to his physical and psychological fitness for the purposes of this regulation.

(3) Any person who intends to operate a range in accordance with sub-regulation (1) shall obtain the endorsement of the owner of the site.

Functions of the
Board concerning
applications for
target shooting
range licence.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

- 56.** The Board shall:

- (a) verify that the applicant has obtained any other licence, permit or other authorization required by law;
- (b) carry out an on site inspection to verify the suitability of the site for the categories of target shooting sports to be practiced on the site;
- (c) notify the Commissioner of its recommendation within one month from the date on which the application was filed.

57. The Commissioner shall notify the applicant of his decision within one month from receiving the Board's recommendation and shall issue the licence where his decision is in favour of granting such a licence. The Commissioner shall also notify the Board of his decision.

Notification of Commissioner's decision on application for target shooting range licence.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

58. By virtue of the licence granted under this Part the licensee shall be entitled to operate an indoor or outdoor target shooting range under the provisions of the Act and in accordance to the licence issued.

Rights granted by target shooting range licence.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

59. The licensee shall:

- (a) ensure that all shooting events, except airgun and clay pigeon shooting events, are held under the supervision of an authorised range conducting officer. In the case of airgun and clay pigeon shooting events, these shall be held under the supervision of at least one Target Shooter licensed under Part III and, or IV of these regulations, delegated as a safety officer;
- (b) ensure that minors or unlicensed persons shall only take part in any form of shooting event in the case where that shooting is at all times conducted under the supervision of an authorised range conducting officer and provided that such minors or persons submit a document of identification and attend a firearms safety briefing before each shooting event;
- (c) keep a record of persons or organizations making use of the range;
- (d) have an adequate insurance cover;
- (e) inform the Commissioner of any disciplinary measures taken against any range user within not more than one month from such measures.

Obligations of holder of target shooting range licence.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.
Amended by:
L.N. 75 of 2013.

Part X

Range Conducting Officer Permit

Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

60. In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires:

"applicant" means an applicant for a permit under this Part;

"permit" means the range conducting officer licence referred to in regulation 61;

"permit holder" means any person who holds a permit under this Part.

Definitions.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

61. (1) Any person who intends to act as a range conducting officer may apply to the Commissioner for a range conducting officer permit.

(2) An applicant must produce a valid medical certificate attesting to his physical and psychological fitness for the purposes of this regulation.

Range conducting officer permit.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.
Amended by:
L.N. 406 of 2018.

Functions of the Board concerning applications for range conducting officer permit.
Re-numbered by: L.N. 197 of 2011.

Rights granted by range conducting officer permit.
Re-numbered by: L.N. 197 of 2011.

Obligations of holder of range conducting officer permit.
Re-numbered by: L.N. 197 of 2011.
Substituted by: L.N. 406 of 2018.

Re-numbered by: L.N. 197 of 2011.

Historical re-enactments.
Re-numbered by: L.N. 197 of 2011.

Permits for historical re-enactments.
Re-numbered by: L.N. 197 of 2011.

Contact person.
Re-numbered by: L.N. 197 of 2011.

62. The Board shall verify that the applicant had attended a range conducting officer course or equivalent and obtained certification to the satisfaction of the Board. The Commissioner shall issue the necessary permit where his decision is in favour of granting such permit.

63. By virtue of the permit granted under this Part the permit holder shall be entitled to act as a range conducting officer during events organized on an indoor or outdoor target shooting range under the provisions of the Act:

Provided that any person who on the coming into force of the Act is a person who is a certified range conducting officer certified as such by the Armed Forces of Malta or any other body recognized by the Board, may act as a range conducting officer if he has applied for a permit under this Part and until such time as a decision is given by the Commissioner in respect of that application.

64. The licensee shall attend refresher courses organised by any club recognised by the Weapons Board for this purpose at least once every five years.

Part XI

Re-enactment Permit

65. Historical re-enactments can be held only by bodies or organizations approved by the Board.

66. (1) Any body or organization which intends to hold a historical re-enactment in a public place shall apply to the Commissioner for a permit at least one month before the intended activity.

(2) An application may also be made for a permit covering a number of re-enactments which are planned to take place over a period of not more than one calendar year.

(3) It shall be a condition of any permit granted under this regulation that only blank charges or ammunition may be fired during historical re-enactments.

(4) It shall also be a condition of any permit granted under this regulation that any historical re-enactment shall be covered by an adequate third party liability insurance.

67. (1) The application for a permit under this Part shall include the name, address and telephone numbers of a contact person for the body or organization which will be holding the re-enactment.

(2) The contact person shall comply with any request for clarification or further information from the Police and shall ensure that any conditions communicated to him shall be complied with.

(3) The contact person shall also be the person legally responsible for any act or omission which may result in breach of these regulations and any other applicable law both civil and criminal.

68. All the participants in a historical re-enactment must be members of a historical re-enactment body or organization approved by the Board. Visitors to Malta who participate in such a re-enactment must also be members of a historical re-enactment organization or must be guests of a Maltese historical re-enactment organization.

Conditions for participation.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

69. (1) Each historical re-enactment shall have at least one safety officer whose name and contact details must be notified to the Commissioner in the application.

Safety Officer.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

(2) The safety officer shall be responsible for:

- (a) the general safe conduct of the event, the participants in the event and the general public;
- (b) the issue of gun powder and, or ammunition and to ensure that no projectiles can be or are discharged.

Part XII

Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

Declaration of Firearms and Other Objects

70. No licence shall be required for the keeping of firearms and other objects listed in Schedule III of the Act, provided that such objects falling under Schedule III are duly declared and registered with the Commissioner.

No licence requirement.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

71. Anyone coming into possession of an arm or object falling under Schedule III shall fill in the appropriate form and deliver the form to the Commissioner within seven days of coming into possession of the arm or object. The Commissioner shall not object provided that he is satisfied that the declaration is correct and the applicant is not otherwise barred from obtaining a licence or permit under the Act.

Application form.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

Part XIII

Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

Minors practising Target Shooting

72. When a minor wishes to practice a target shooting activity in terms of the Act, an application may be submitted by the parent or legal guardian for the relative licence from the Commissioner of Police.

Target shooting by minors.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

73. The application must contain:

- (a) the full particulars of the parent and the minor;
- (b) the consent of the parent or legal guardian;
- (c) the relative application and acceptance of a recognised shooting club;
- (d) the site where such activity is to take place; and
- (e) the type of arm or firearm being intended use in such sporting practice activity.

Contents of application.
Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.
Amended by:
L.N. 406 of 2018.

- (f) a valid medical certificate attesting to his physical and psychological fitness for the purposes of this regulation.

Rights granted to the minor in terms of the Target Shooting Practice licence.

Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

74. By virtue of the licence granted under this Part the licensee shall be entitled to participate in an indoor or outdoor target shooting range under the provisions of the Act and in accordance to the licence issued.

Obligations of holder of Target Shooting Practice licence.

Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

75. The licensee shall:

- (a) ensure that all shooting events are held under the supervision of an authorised Range Conducting Officer;
- (b) abide by the rules and regulations covering such sporting practice activity.

Restricted practice.

Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

76. The licensee shall only be allowed to practice target shooting activity at a recognised range and under the supervision of a licensed Range Conducting Officer.

Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

PART XIV

Substituted by:
L.N. 75 of 2013.

Ad Hoc events

Events happening once in a while.

Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

77. When an individual, or an association such as band clubs, football clubs, factories and similar institutions wish to organise a target shooting competition and the indicated site is not a licensed target shooting range, an application has to be submitted to the Commissioner of Police.

Time limit for application.

Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

78. Such an application is to be submitted at least two weeks before the event.

Insurance cover.

Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

79. A policy of insurance covering third parties is to be provided covering the event.

Site inspection.

Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

80. The site is to be inspected and approved before the issue of the permit.

Commissioner may make conditions.

Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

81. The Commissioner may make such conditions as he deems fit in the particular case applied for.

Participants must have licence.

Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011.

82. All participants taking part in such competition are to be licensed target shooters.

Added by:
L.N. 75 of 2013.

PART XIV

Film Armourer Permit

Definitions.

Amended by:
L.N. 150 of 2017;
L.N. 406 of 2018.

83. In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires:

"applicant" means an applicant for a licence under this Part. An applicant, for the purposes of this Part, shall be a person in possession of the required qualifications or a group of persons who are collectively in possession of the required qualifications;

"licence" means the Film Armourer Licence referred to in regulation 84;

"licensee" means a person or group of persons who hold a licence under this Part;

"qualifications", for the purposes of this Part, mean the possession of a Collector Licence A Special in accordance with Part I of these regulations, a Target Shooter Licence in accordance with Part III or IV of these regulations.

84. Any person who intends to pursue the activity of Film Armourer may apply to the Commissioner for a Film Armourer Licence under this Part.

Film Armourer Licence.

85. The Board shall:

Functions of the Board concerning applications for Film Armourer Licence.

- (a) interview the applicant in order to establish his knowledge of arms, the provisions of the Act and of the regulations made thereunder, and the safe handling and keeping of arms;
- (b) ensure that the applicant is aware of his responsibilities under the Act and that he has the means to keep the arms in a safe and secure manner;
- (c) notify the Commissioner of its recommendation within one month from the date on which the application was filed;
- (d) periodically re-assess licensees to ensure that licence conditions are still being met.

86. The Commissioner shall notify the applicant of his decision within one month from receiving the Board's recommendation and shall issue the licence where his decision is in favour of granting such a licence.

Notification of Commissioner's decision on application for Film Armourer Licence.

87. By virtue of the licence granted under this Part the licensee shall be entitled to pursue the activity of Film Armourer in the course of film productions.

Rights granted by the Film Armourer Licence.

88. The licensee, whilst fully complying with all pertinent licence conditions under other Parts of these regulations, shall:

Obligations of holder of Film Armourer Licence.

- (a) ensure that only blank charges or blank ammunition may be fired during a film armourer activity;
- (b) inform the Commissioner of Police of the time, date and venue of the intended activity at least fifteen days before the activity; and
- (c) abide by any other condition stipulated by the Commissioner of Police in the permit, including, if necessary, that a ballistics officer be present during the activity.

Validity of
licences.

Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011;
L.N. 75 of 2013.

No transfer to be
effected pending
approval and issue
of licence.

Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011;
L.N. 75 of 2013.

Offences liable to
punishments under
the Act.

Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011;
L.N. 75 of 2013.

Licence may be
suspended or
cancelled.

Re-numbered by:
L.N. 197 of 2011;
L.N. 75 of 2013.

Computerised
data-filing system.

Added by:
L.N. 207 of 2015;
Amended by:
L.N. 77 of 2026.

S.L. 480.01.

89. All licenses issued in accordance with these regulations shall become valid as of the date of issue and are valid up till the end of the current year unless otherwise expressly limited in their duration.

90. No person shall deliver into the possession of a third party any firearm unless and until the relative transfer has been approved and the relative licence or permit has been issued.

91. Any breaches of these regulations is an offence and shall be liable to the punishment prescribed in the Act.

92. The Court in awarding punishment for breaches of these regulations shall furthermore either cancel or suspend a licence for a period not less than three months as it may deem fit.

93. (1) There shall be established by the Commissioner, a computerised data-filing system which shall be accessible to the Commissioner.

(2) That data-filing system shall record all information relating to firearms which is needed in order to trace and identify those firearms, including:

- (a) the type, make, model, calibre and serial number of each firearm and the mark applied to its frame or receiver as a unique marking in accordance with regulation 7A(1) of the Firearms and Ammunition (Movement in Member States and Other Matters) Regulations, which shall serve as the unique identifier of each firearm;
- (b) the serial number or unique marking applied to the essential components, where that differs from the marking on the frame or receiver of each firearm;
- (c) the names and addresses of the suppliers and of the persons acquiring or possessing the firearm, together with the relevant date or dates; and
- (d) any conversions or modifications to a firearm leading to a change in its category or subcategory, including its certified deactivation or destruction and the relevant date or dates.

(3) The Commissioner shall ensure that the personal data are deleted from the computerised data-filing systems upon the expiry of the periods specified in this regulation. This is without prejudice to cases in which specific personal data has been transferred to a national authority competent for the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal punishments and are used in that specific context, or to other national authorities competent for a compatible purpose. In those cases, the processing of such data shall be regulated by the Data Protection Act

and the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation).

The records of firearms and essential components referred to in sub-regulation (1) and the related personal data shall be capable of being accessed:

- (a) by the Commissioner for a period of 10 years after the destruction of the firearm or the essential components in question; and
- (b) by the national authorities competent for the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, for a period of 30 years after the destruction of the firearm or the essential components in question.

The Commissioner shall ensure that the personal data are deleted from the computerised data-filing systems upon expiry of the periods specified in the second and third sub-regulations. This is without prejudice to cases in which specific personal data have been transferred to a national authority competent for the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties and are used in that specific context, or to other national authorities competent for a compatible purpose. In those cases, the processing of such data shall be regulated by the Data Protection Act and the relevant European Union Law.

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(4) The Commissioner shall ensure that dealers established in Malta report transactions involving firearms or essential components without undue delay, that dealers have an electronic connection to the Police for such reporting purposes and that the data-filing systems are updated as soon as possible upon receipt of information concerning transactions involving firearms or essential components:

Provided that dealers shall also report to the Commissioner any suspicious transactions that were not concluded due to their nature and scale.

94. Airsoft and Paintball markers shall only be used in designated areas approved by the Weapons Board.

Airsoft and
Paintball markers.
Added by;
L.N. 150 of 2017.

95. Sling shots shall only be used and carried for the purpose of fishing or feeding of fish in aquaculture.

Sling shots.
Added by;
L.N. 150 of 2017.

96. The Commissioner shall ensure that, in cases involving the acquisition of firearms, essential components or ammunition classified in Schedule I, II and III of the Act by means of distance contracts as defined in regulation 2 of the Consumer Rights Regulations, the identity and the authorisation of the purchaser of the firearm, essential components or ammunition are checked upon delivery to that person by a representative of the Commissioner.

Acquisition by
means of distance
contract.
Added by:
L.N. 406 of 2018.
Amended by:
L.N. 77 of 2026.
S.L. 378.17.

Provision of
information
booklets or
information
sessions.
Added by:
L.N. 406 of 2018.

Storage,
inspection and
transportation of
firearms.
Added by:
L.N. 77 of 2026.
S.L. 10.39.

97. Target shooting clubs shall provide information booklets or information sessions to their members concerning the safe storage of smokeless powder and blackpowder, as applicable. Such booklets or sessions shall, in particular, focus on appropriate storage locations and safe packaging. Moreover, target shooting clubs shall also raise awareness of good practices relating to the loading of cartridges.

98. (1) Without prejudice to more specific provisions, wherever these apply, all licence holders in accordance with these regulations, as well as persons in possession of a hunting licence issued in accordance with the Hunting Licences Regulations, shall allow periodic inspections by authorised police officers to ensure that firearms and ammunition subject to a licence are locked safely, separately and unloaded. Such officers shall also ensure that the other provisions of the Act and these regulations, as applicable shall be adhered to:

Provided that owners of firearms and essential components listed in Schedule I of the Act shall ensure frequent scrutiny of their firearms, and that the Police may carry out unannounced on-site inspections to ensure that such firearms, essential components, and their ammunition, are locked, safely, separately and unloaded. During such inspections Police officers shall also ensure that other provisions of the Act and, or these regulations, including *inter alia* the requirement to keep registers or inventories are adhered to.

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(2) Holders of any Target Shooter licence and any other licence issued in terms of these regulations, as well as persons in possession of a hunting licence issued in accordance with the Hunting Licences Regulations, shall ensure that during transportation, they store their firearms and ammunition as separately as possible, and that their firearms are kept in a case or in a compartment. Firearms and ammunition shall only be transported to and from shooting ranges, firearm dealer premises, gunsmith premises, other premises as authorised by the Commissioner or locations where hunting is permissible.

(3) Irrespective of the type of licence held, in those cases where at least one hundred (100) firearms or fifty thousand (50,000) rounds of ammunition are transported simultaneously, such transport shall be conducted under Police escort. Police escort shall also be required where at least twenty (20) firearms or essential components listed in Schedule I of the Act are being transported. The owner of the items in question shall be required to pay for such escort.
