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PART 1—PRELIMINARY

1. Objectives

The objectives of these Regulations are—

- (a) to prescribe requirements for activities for the suppression of pest animals using category C longarms; and
- (b) to prescribe the particulars to be entered on the register of transactions kept by licensed firearms dealers; and
- (c) to prescribe the particulars to be entered on the register kept by licensed firearms collectors; and
- (d) to prescribe fees for the issue and renewal of licences and permits and for the issue of duplicate licences under the Act; and
- (e) to prescribe the fee for applications to the Committee for the review of decisions made by the Chief Commissioner; and
- (f) to prescribe the maximum fee that may be charged by licensed firearms dealers acting as agents in firearms transactions; and
- (g) to prescribe offences in respect of which infringement notices may be issued; and
- (h) to prescribe devices that do not fall within the definition of firearms; and

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- (i) to prescribe bodies that may nominate persons to represent shooting organisations on the Committee; and
- (ia) to prescribe the manner in which searches without warrant under the Act are to be conducted and the particulars to be included in records of those searches; and
- (j) to prescribe matters necessary or expedient to be prescribed for giving effect to the Act.

2. Authorising provisions

These Regulations are made under sections 24, 31, 56, 57, 58, 63, 87, 97, 106, 155, 167, 168, 170, 178 and 191 of the **Firearms Act 1996**.

3. Commencement

These Regulations come into operation on the commencement of section 191 of the Act.

4. Definitions

In these Regulations—

"Act" means the **Firearms Act 1996**.

5. Revocations

The Regulations listed in Schedule 1 are **revoked**.

PART 2—REQUIREMENTS

6. Requirements for activities for the suppression of pest animals where category C longarms are used

For the purposes of item 2(1)(b)(i) of Schedule 2 of the Act, an activity is conducted in accordance with the regulations if the licence holder ensures that, before the activity commences, a member of the police force at the police station which is open and which is nearest to the activity is advised of—

- (a) the location of the property where the activity will commence; and
- (b) the day the activity will commence.

7. Particulars to be entered on firearms dealers register

The prescribed particulars to be entered in the register of transactions kept by a licensed firearms dealer under section 87 of the Act are—

- (a) in the case of a firearm coming into the possession of the dealer, the particulars set out in item 1 of Schedule 2; and
 - (b) in the case of a firearm going out of the possession of the dealer, the particulars set out in item 2 of Schedule 2; and
 - (c) in the case of a firearm in respect of which the dealer is acting as an agent for the person acquiring the firearm, the particulars set out in item 3 of Schedule 2; and
 - (d) in the case of a firearm in respect of which the dealer is acting as an agent for the person disposing of the firearm, the particulars set out in item 4 of Schedule 2.
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8. Particulars to be entered on firearms collectors register

The prescribed particulars to be entered in the register kept by a holder of a firearms collectors licence under section 24 of the Act are—

- (a) in the case of a firearm held at the time of obtaining the licence, the particulars set out in item 1 of Schedule 3; and
 - (b) in the case of a firearm coming into the possession of the collector, the particulars set out in item 2 of Schedule 3; and
 - (c) in the case of a firearm going out of the possession of the collector, the particulars set out in item 3 of Schedule 3.
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PART 3—FEES

9. Fees for issue or renewal of licences

- (1) Subject to sub-regulations (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) and regulation 10, the fee payable for the issue or renewal of a licence listed in Column 1 of the Table in Schedule 4 is, in the case of a natural person, the corresponding fee set out in Column 2 of the Table, multiplied by the number of full years for which the licence is issued.
- (2) Subject to sub-regulations (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) and regulation 10, the fee payable for the issue or renewal of a licence listed in Column 1 of the Table in Schedule 4 is, in the case of a body corporate, the corresponding fee set out in Column 3 of the Table, multiplied by the number of full years for which the licence is issued.
- (3) Where a person who holds a longarm licence for category A longarms applies for a longarm licence for category B longarms, the fee payable for the longarm licence for category B longarms is the difference between the fee payable for a longarm licence for category B longarms and the fee payable for the longarm licence for category A longarms at the time of the application.
- (4) Where a person who holds a longarm licence for category A longarms applies for a longarm licence for category C longarms, the fee payable for the longarm licence for category C longarms is the difference between the fee payable for a longarm licence for category A longarms and the fee payable for a longarm licence for category C longarms at the time of the application.

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- (5) Where a person applies for both a longarm licence for category A longarms and a longarm licence for category C longarms, the fee payable for the two licences is the fee payable for a longarm licence for category C longarms.
 - (6) Where a person applies for both a longarm licence for category B longarms and a longarm licence for category C longarms, the fee payable for the two licences is the fee payable for the longarm licence for category C longarms.
 - (7) Where a person who holds a firearms dealers licence for a particular class of dealing in firearms applies for a firearms dealers licence for another class of dealing in firearms, the fee payable for the licence applied for is the difference between the fee payable for the licence held by the person and the fee payable for a licence of the category applied for by the person at the time of the application.

10. Waivers of licence fees

- (1) Where a person who holds a longarm licence for category C longarms applies for a longarm licence for category A longarms, the fee payable for the longarm licence for category A longarms is waived.
- (2) Where a person who holds a longarm licence for category B longarms applies for a longarm licence for category C longarms, the fee payable for the longarm licence for category C longarms is waived.
- (3) Where a person who holds a longarm licence for category C longarms applies for a longarm licence for category B longarms, the fee payable for the longarm licence for category B longarms is waived.

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- (4) Where a person applies for a longarm licence for category A, B or C longarms for the reason of primary production, the licence fee payable for the longarm licence for category A, B or C longarms is waived.

11. Fee for duplicate licences

The fee payable for the issue of a duplicate of a licence listed in Column 1 of the Table in Schedule 4 is 1·8 fee units.

Reg. 11
amended by
S.R. Nos
84/2003 reg. 5,
154/2003
reg. 6, 88/2004
reg. 4(Sch. 1
item 17.1).

12. Fee for permits

The fee payable for the issue of a permit listed in Column 1 of the Table in Schedule 5 is the corresponding fee set out in Column 2 of the Table.

13. Fee for permit to acquire a firearm

For the purposes of section 106(3) of the Act—

Reg. 13
amended by
S.R. Nos
84/2003 reg. 6,
154/2003
reg. 7.

- (a) the fee for a permit to acquire a longarm is \$9; and

Reg. 13(a)
inserted by
S.R. No.
154/2003
reg. 7.

- (b) the fee for a permit to acquire a handgun is 3·5 fee units.

Reg. 13(b)
inserted by
S.R. No.
154/2003
reg. 7,
amended by
S.R. No.
88/2004
reg. 4(Sch. 1
item 17.2).

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inserted by
S.R. No.
154/2003
reg. 8.

13A. Fee for approvals

The fee payable for the issue of an approval listed in Column 1 of the Table in Schedule 5A is the corresponding fee set out in Column 2 of the Table.

14. Maximum fee for licensed firearms dealer acting as agent

For the purposes of section 97 of the Act, the maximum fee that a licensed firearms dealer may charge when acting as an agent is \$10.

Reg. 15
amended by
S.R. No.
88/2004
reg. 4(Sch. 1
item 17.3).

15. Fee for the review of a decision made by the Chief Commissioner

For the purposes of section 167 of the Act, the fee for an application to the Committee for the review of a decision made by the Chief Commissioner is 3 fee units.

PART 3A—SEARCHES WITHOUT WARRANT

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regs 15A–
15C)
inserted by
S.R. No.
118/2003
reg. 6.

15A. Manner of conducting searches

Reg. 15A
inserted by
S.R. No.
118/2003
reg. 6.

- (1) A member of the police force who conducts a search of a person under section 149 of the Act or an authorised officer who conducts a search of a person under section 153A of the Act must do so in one or more of the following ways—
- (a) the member or authorised officer may pass an electronic metal detection device over or in close proximity to the person's outer clothing;
 - (b) the member or authorised officer may run his or her hands over the person's outer clothing;
 - (c) the member or authorised officer may request the person to remove his or her outer clothing and gloves, shoes and headgear so that the member or authorised officer may—
 - (i) pass an electronic metal detection device over or in close proximity to the person's clothing that was immediately under his or her outer clothing; or
 - (ii) run the member or authorised officer's hands over the person's clothing that was immediately under his or her outer clothing; or
 - (iii) search the person's outer clothing and gloves, shoes and headgear in accordance with sub-regulation (2).

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- (2) A member of the police force who conducts a search of a vehicle, package or thing under section 149 of the Act or an authorised officer who conducts a search of a vehicle, package or thing under section 153A of the Act must do so in one or more of the following ways—
- (a) the member or authorised officer may examine the exterior and interior of the vehicle, package or thing;
 - (b) the member or authorised officer may pass an electronic metal detection device over or in close proximity to the vehicle, package or thing.
- (3) A member of the police force or authorised officer must conduct a search of a person—
- (a) in a manner that affords reasonable privacy to the person being searched; and
 - (b) as quickly as is reasonably practicable.
- (4) A search under sub-regulation (1)(b) or (1)(c)(ii) must, if reasonably practicable, be conducted by a member of the police force or by an authorised officer who is of the same sex as the person being searched.

Reg. 15B
inserted by
S.R. No.
118/2003
reg. 6.

15B. Searching students at schools

A member of the police force who conducts a search at a school of a student under the age of 18 years must—

- (a) if reasonably practicable, advise the student that the student may nominate an adult who is on the school premises to be present during the conduct of the search; and
- (b) if the student so nominates an adult, take reasonable steps to ensure the adult is present during the conduct of the search.

15C. Search records

Reg. 15C
inserted by
S.R. No.
118/2003
reg. 6.

- (1) For the purposes of sections 149A(1) and 153B(1) of the Act, the prescribed particulars are—
 - (a) the date of the search; and
 - (b) the time of the search; and
 - (c) the place where the search took place; and
 - (d) the name, rank and registered number of the member of the police force or the name, number and agency of the authorised officer, as the case may be, who conducted the search; and
 - (e) the name of the person searched and, if applicable, a description of any vehicle, package or thing searched; and
 - (f) if applicable, the name of the nominated adult present during the search at a school of a student under the age of 18 years; and
 - (g) the grounds relied on for conducting the search; and
 - (h) a description of any firearm or cartridge ammunition or other article whose possession is contrary to law that is found during the search.
- (2) If a member of the police force or authorised officer who conducts a search is unable to obtain the name of the person searched, the member or authorised officer must include in the particulars a description of that person.

PART 4—PRESCRIBED OFFENCES

16. Infringement penalty for prescribed offences

- (1) For the purposes of section 168(1) of the Act, the prescribed offences are the offences set out in Column 2 of Schedule 6.
 - (2) For the purposes of section 170 of the Act, the penalty prescribed for a prescribed offence is the amount set out opposite the prescribed offence set out in Column 3 of Schedule 6.
 - (3) A summary of an offence in Column 4 of Schedule 6 is not to be taken to affect the nature or elements of the offence to which the summary refers or the operation of these Regulations.
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PART 5—MISCELLANEOUS

17. Exempt devices

Reg. 17
substituted by
S.R. No.
6/1998 reg. 5.

For the purposes of paragraph (j) of the definition of "firearm" in section 3(1) of the Act—

- (a) a cannon or field gun, by whatever name, which has been constructed as a piece of military ordinance and which has a calibre in excess of 25 millimetres and—
 - (i) which is rendered permanently inoperable; or
 - (ii) for which fixed ammunition is not commercially available; and

- (b) a device which is designed for and used to throw a net to catch animals (commonly known as a cannon net); and

Reg. 17(b)
amended by
S.R. No.
89/1998 reg. 5.

- (c) a compressed air or gas powered device with a calibre no greater than 7 millimetres and a maximum muzzle velocity no greater than 50 metres per second that is designed to be mounted on a radio controlled model warship and when used in model warship activities—

Reg. 17(c)
inserted by
S.R. No.
89/1998 reg. 5.

are prescribed classes of devices.

17A. Reason for which the Chief Commissioner must not issue a General Category Handgun Licence

Reg. 17A
inserted by
S.R. No.
84/2003 reg. 7.

For the purposes of section 17(d) of the Act, if a person has relinquished a handgun licence and has received compensation for the surrender of the handguns held under that licence, the Chief Commissioner must not issue a general category handgun licence to that person for a period of five years from the date of that relinquishment and surrender.

18. Prescribed bodies representing shooting organisations

The following bodies are prescribed for the purposes of section 155 of the Act—

- (a) Shooting Sports Council of Victoria Inc.;
- (b) Victorian Amateur Pistol Association Inc.

18A. Conduct of shooting activity on private property

For the purposes of Items 1(5A), 2(2)(c) and 4(2A) of Schedule 2 to the Act the following provisions apply to the carrying out or conducting of an activity—

- (a) if—
 - (i) more than 5 persons take part in the activity; and
 - (ii) the activity is carried on continuously for more than 3 hours—

a member of the police force, at the police station which is open and which is reasonably believed to be nearest to the activity, must have been notified before the activity takes place, that the activity is to take place;

- (b) a notification under paragraph (a) must include—
 - (i) the name, address and contact telephone number of the person making the notification; and
 - (ii) the land on which the activity is to take place; and
 - (iii) the day on which the activity is to take place; and
 - (iv) the nature of the activity;

Reg. 18A
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- (c) a person taking part in the activity must not discharge a rifle in the course of the activity unless it is discharged at a target which has in place, within 20 metres behind it, a backstop which is capable of stopping any projectile which passes through or beyond the target;
 - (d) a person taking part in the activity must not discharge a firearm in the course of the activity within—
 - (i) 250 metres of a dwelling (being a dwelling which is not on the land on which the activity takes place) unless permission has been granted by the occupier of the land on which the dwelling is situated; or
 - (ii) 100 metres of a public road;
 - (e) a person taking part in the activity, when discharging a firearm in the course of the activity, must be stationary;
 - (f) the activity must not take place between the hours of sunset and sunrise;
 - (g) the activity must not be advertised or formally organised or formally scheduled;
 - (h) a person taking part in the activity must not give or receive direct or indirect financial benefit to or from any other person as payment for taking part in the activity;
 - (i) a person taking part in the activity must not consume or be under the influence of intoxicating liquor during the course of the activity or be under the influence of a drug during the course of the activity.
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S.R. No.
6/1998 reg. 6.

19. Prescribed States for inter-state permit to acquire

For the purposes of the definition of "prescribed State" in section 3(1) of the Act the following States are prescribed—

- (a) New South Wales;
- (b) South Australia.

Regs 19A–
19C
inserted by
S.R. No.
84/2003 reg. 8,
revoked by
S.R. No.
173/2005
reg. 5.

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Reg. 20
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inserted by
S.R. No.
84/2003
reg. 9(1)
Reg. 20
inserted by
S.R. No.
89/1998 reg. 6.

20. Prescribed purposes for applying for longarm and general category handgun licences

(1) For the purposes of section 10(1)(e) of the Act, a category A longarm licence may be issued—

- (a) for the purposes of the training and trialing, with a shotgun, of gundogs registered with a club or association which undertakes the training and trailing of gundogs and which has been incorporated under the **Associations Incorporation Act 1981**; or
- (b) for the purposes of—
 - (i) historical re-enactments conducted by an historical re-enactment group; or
 - (ii) public ceremonial events; or
- (c) for the purposes of starting or finishing sporting events with a shotgun.

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- (2) For the purposes of section 10(1)(e) of the Act, a category B longarm licence may be issued—
- (a) for the purposes of—
 - (i) historical re-enactments conducted by an historical re-enactment group; or
 - (ii) public ceremonial events; or
 - (b) for the purposes of starting or finishing sporting events with a muzzle loading firearm or a black powder ball firing cannon.
- (3) For the purposes of section 13(1)(a) of the Act, a category E longarm licence may be issued—
- (a) for the purposes of—
 - (i) historical re-enactments conducted by an historical re-enactment group; or
 - (ii) public ceremonial events—
using firearms which have been modified to be incapable of firing cartridge ammunition.
- (4) For the purposes of section 15(1)(c) of the Act, a general category handgun licence may be issued—
- (a) for the purposes of—
 - (i) historical re-enactments conducted by an historical re-enactment group; or
 - (ii) public ceremonial events; or
 - (b) for the purposes of starting or finishing sporting events; or

Reg. 20(3)(a)
amended by
S.R. No.
173/2005
reg. 6.

Reg. 20(4)
amended by
S.R. No.
84/2003
reg. 9(2).

Reg. 20(4)(b)
amended by
S.R. No.
102/1999
reg. 4.

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Reg. 20(4)(c)
inserted by
S.R. No.
102/1999
reg. 4,
amended by
S.R. No.
84/2003
reg. 9(2).

(c) for the purposes of the training and trialing, with a general category handgun, being a general category handgun which is and has always been constructed for the purpose of starting sporting events, of dogs registered with a club or association which undertakes the training and trialing of dogs and which has been incorporated under the **Associations Incorporation Act 1981**.

Reg. 21
inserted by
S.R. No.
102/1999
reg. 5.

21. Exemption for international visitors

For the purpose of section 186A of the Act, permits are those authorities which authorise the possession, carriage or use of—

- (a) a category A or B longarm or a handgun for the purposes of sport or target shooting; or
- (b) a category C longarm being a shotgun for the purposes of clay target shooting.

Reg. 22
inserted by
S.R. No.
84/2003
reg. 10.

22. Prescribed classes of social worker

For the purposes of section 183(4) of the Act, the following class of person is prescribed—

a person who is a member of, or who is eligible for membership of, the Australian Association of Social Workers.

Reg. 23
inserted by
S.R. No.
154/2003
reg. 9.

23. Specified classes of general category handguns

For the purposes of paragraph (a) of the definition of "specified class of handgun" in section 16(9) of the Act, the classes of general category handgun that are prescribed are set out in Schedule 10.

Reg. 23A
inserted by
S.R. No.
173/2005
reg. 4.

**23A. Approved handgun target shooting clubs—
reporting requirements**

The form of a report under section 123C of the Act is the form in Schedule 7.

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REVOCATIONS

<i>Statutory Rule No.</i>	<i>Title of Regulations</i>
77/1996	Firearms (Exemption No. 1) Regulations 1996
76/1996	Firearms (Prohibited Firearms) Regulations 1996
153/1995	Firearms Regulations 1995
226/1989	Firearms (Exemption No. 1) Regulations 1989
188/1989	Firearms (Exemption No. 1) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1989
398/1988	Firearms (Exemption No. 8) Regulations 1988
392/1988	Firearms (Exemption No. 6) Regulations 1988
360/1988	Firearms (Exemption No. 2) (Revocation) Regulations 1988
338/1988	Firearms (Exemption No. 7) Regulations 1988
320/1988	Firearms (Exemption No. 5) Regulations 1988
159/1988	Firearms (Exemption No. 4) Regulations 1988
105/1988	Firearms (Exemption No. 3) Regulations 1988
97/1988	Firearms (Exemption No. 1) Regulations 1988
268/1987	Firearms (Exemption No. 1) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1987
265/1987	Firearms (Exemption No. 6) Regulations 1987
264/1987	Firearms (Exemption No. 5) Regulations 1987
219/1987	Firearms (Exemption No. 4) Regulations 1987
214/1987	Firearms (Exemption No. 1) (Amendment) Regulations 1987
78/1987	Firearms (Exemption No. 3) Regulations 1987

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SCHEDULE 2

**PARTICULARS TO BE ENTERED ON FIREARMS DEALERS
REGISTER OF TRANSACTIONS**

1. *In addition to the requirements set out in section 87(2) of the Act¹, a licensed firearms dealer must include in the register of transactions the following particulars in respect of a firearm coming into his or her possession:*
 1. Inventory/Stock Number
 2. Date Acquired
 3. Magazine Capacity²
 4. Licence Category (A, B, C, D, E longarm or handgun)
 5. Reference Number³
 6. Purpose For Which Acquired (Disposal, Repair, Test, Proof or Alteration)
 7. Name, Address of person who has given possession of firearm.
 8. Particulars of Work Done (when received for repair, &c).
 2. *In addition to the requirements set out in section 87(2) of the Act⁴, a licensed firearms dealer must include in the register of transactions the following particulars in respect of a firearm going out of his or her possession:*
 1. Inventory/Stock Number
 2. Date Disposed Of
 3. Magazine Capacity⁵
 4. Licence Category (A, B, C, D, E longarm or handgun)
 5. Reference Number⁶
 6. Acquirer's Name, Address
 7. Particulars of permit to acquire.
 3. *In addition to the requirements set out in section 87(2) of the Act⁷, a licensed firearms dealer must include in the register of transactions the following particulars in respect of a firearm acquired by another person in a transaction where the dealer acts as agent:*
 1. Date Acquired
 2. Magazine Capacity⁸
 3. Licence Category (A, B, C, D, E longarm or handgun)
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4. Reference Number⁹
 5. Name, Address of person acquiring the firearm.
 6. Particulars of permit to acquire.
 4. *In addition to the requirements set out in section 87(2) of the Act¹⁰, a licensed firearms dealer must include in the register of transactions the following particulars in respect of a firearm disposed of by another person in a transaction where the dealer acts as agent:*
 1. Date Disposed Of
 2. Magazine Capacity¹¹
 3. Licence Category (A, B, C, D, E longarm or handgun)
 4. Reference Number¹²
 5. Name, Address of person disposing of firearm.
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SCHEDULE 3

PARTICULARS TO BE ENTERED ON FIREARMS COLLECTORS REGISTER

1. *The holder of a firearms collectors licence must record the following particulars in the register about each firearm held at the time of obtaining the licence:*
 1. Make
 2. Type
 3. Calibre
 4. Action
 5. Magazine Capacity¹³
 6. Licence Category (A, B, C, D, E longarm or handgun)
 7. Serial Number.
 8. Reference Number.¹⁴

2. *The holder of a firearms collectors licence must record the following particulars in the register about each firearm coming into his or her possession:*
 1. Date Acquired.
 2. Make
 3. Type
 4. Calibre
 5. Action
 6. Magazine Capacity¹⁵
 7. Licence Category (A, B, C, D, E longarm or handgun).
 8. Serial Number.
 9. Reference Number¹⁶
 10. Name, Address of licensed firearms dealer the firearm was acquired from or who witnessed the acquisition.
 11. Name, Address of Person the firearm was acquired from (where licensed firearms dealer acted as agent in transaction).

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3. *The holder of a firearms collectors licence must record the following particulars in the register about each firearm going out of his or her possession:*
1. Date Disposed Of.
 2. Make
 3. Type
 4. Calibre
 5. Action
 6. Magazine Capacity¹⁷
 7. Licence Category (A, B, C, D, E longarm or handgun)
 8. Serial Number
 9. Reference Number¹⁸
 10. Name, Address of licensed firearms dealer who acquired the firearm or who witnessed the disposal of the firearm
 11. Name, Address of person to whom the firearm was disposed of (where licensed firearms dealer acted as agent in transaction).
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Sch. 4
amended by
S.R. No.
112/1998
reg. 5,
substituted by
S.R. Nos
84/2003
reg. 11,
154/2003
reg. 10,
amended by
S.R. Nos
88/2004
reg. 4(Sch. 1
item 17.4),
81/2006 reg. 4.

SCHEDULE 4

FEE FOR ISSUE OR RENEWAL OF LICENCES

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
<i>Type of licence</i>	<i>Fee for Natural Person</i>	<i>Fee for Body Corporate</i>
Longarm licence for category A longarms	3.2 fee units	5.8 fee units
Longarm licence for category B longarms	3.7 fee units	5.8 fee units
Longarm licence for category C longarms	3.7 fee units	5.8 fee units
Longarm licence for category D longarms	5.8 fee units	9.3 fee units
Longarm licence for category E longarms	5.8 fee units	9.3 fee units
Paintball marker licence	3.2 fee units	5.8 fee units
General category handgun licence— sport or target shooting or prescribed reason	4.5 fee units	11.7 fee units (for a licence to possess, carry or use 20 or less general category handguns). 23.3 fee units (for a licence to possess, carry or use more than 20 general category handguns).
General category handgun licence— security guard, prison guard, official or commercial purpose	7 fee units	11.7 fee units (for a licence to possess, carry or use 20 or less general category handguns). 23.3 fee units (for a licence to possess, carry or use more than 20 general category handguns).
Category E handgun licence	6.8 fee units	10.3 fee units
Provisional licence	7.5 fee units	N/A

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<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
<i>Type of licence</i>	<i>Fee for Natural Person</i>	<i>Fee for Body Corporate</i>
Junior licence	1.2 fee units	N/A
A general category handgun licence for reasons set out in section 15(1)(d) of the Act	4.5 fee units	11.7 fee units
Category 1 firearms collectors licence	4.7 fee units	9.3 fee units
Category 2 firearms collectors licence	5.6 fee units	7.1 fee units
Firearms ammunition collectors licence	2.3 fee units	4.7 fee units
Firearms heirlooms licence	2.3 fee units	N/A
Antique handgun collectors licence	4.7 fee units	9.3 fee units
Firearms dealers licence—dealing in category A, B longarms and general category handguns	29.2 fee units	40.8 fee units
Firearms dealers licence—dealing in category A, B, C, D, E longarms and general category and category E handguns	40.8 fee units	46.7 fee units
Firearms dealers licence— (a) only repairing category A, B, C, D, E longarms, general category and category E handguns and related parts;	17.5 fee units	23.3 fee units

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<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
<i>Type of licence</i>	<i>Fee for Natural Person</i>	<i>Fee for Body Corporate</i>
(b) only selling ammunition;		
(c) the activities referred to in both paragraphs (a) and (b)		

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Sch. 5

SCHEDULE 5

FEE FOR ISSUE OF PERMITS

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Type of permit</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Fee</i>
Display or theatrical armourer's permit for licensed firearms dealers	3.5 fee units
Display permit for holder of firearms collectors licence or firearms ammunition collectors licence	2.3 fee units
Permit for silencer or prescribed items	5.8 fee units
Permits to use firearms held under category 1 firearms collectors licence or general category handguns held under category 2 firearms collectors licence	2.9 fee units
Permits issued under section 57A of the Act	5.8 fee units

Sch. 5
amended by
S.R. No.
112/1998
reg. 6,
substituted by
S.R. Nos
84/2003
reg. 12,
154/2003
reg. 11(1),
amended by
S.R. Nos
154/2003
reg. 11(2)(3),
88/2004
reg. 4(Sch. 1
item 17.5),
81/2006 reg. 5.

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Sch. 5A

Sch. 5A
inserted by
S.R. No.
154/2003
reg. 12,
amended by
S.R. No.
88/2004
reg. 4(Sch. 1
item 17.6).

SCHEDULE 5A

FEE FOR ISSUE OR RENEWAL OF APPROVALS

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
<i>Type of approval</i>	<i>Fee</i>
Approval for handgun target shooting club	12.7 fee units
Approval for firearms collectors club	12.7 fee units

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Sch. 6

SCHEDULE 6

PRESCRIBED OFFENCES

Sch. 6
amended by
S.R. No.
88/2004
reg. 4(Sch. 1
item 17.7).

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Item</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Offence</i>	<i>Column 3</i> <i>Penalty</i>	<i>Column 4</i> <i>Summary of Offence</i>
1801	An offence under section 40(2) of the Act	1 penalty unit	Failure by holder of licence which is a corporation to notify Chief Commissioner of change in nominated person.
1802	An offence under section 75(3) of the Act.	1 penalty unit	Failure by holder of dealers licence which is a corporation to notify Chief Commissioner of change in nominated person.
1803	An offence under section 87(5) of the Act.	1 penalty unit	Failure to ensure entry in register of transactions is kept for 5 years after entry is made.
1804	An offence under section 88 of the Act.	1 penalty unit	Failure to ensure label is fixed to firearm in dealer's possession showing a number which can identify the record of transaction or dealing with the firearm in the register of transactions.
1805	An offence under section 97 of the Act.	1 penalty unit	Charging more than the prescribed amount for acting as an agent under section 95 or 96 of the Act.

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<i>Column 1 Item</i>	<i>Column 2 Offence</i>	<i>Column 3 Penalty</i>	<i>Column 4 Summary of Offence</i>
1806	An offence under section 124(1) of the Act.	1 penalty unit	Possession of ammunition without authority under the Act.
1807	An offence under section 124(2) of the Act.	1 penalty unit	Possession of ammunition which is not suitable for category of firearms which person (other than person who is holder of firearms ammunition collectors licence) is licensed to possess, carry or use.
1808	An offence under section 124(3) of the Act.	1 penalty unit	Possession of ammunition which is not suitable for category of firearms which person who is not required to have a licence under the Act is authorised to possess, carry or use without having to obtain a licence.
1809	An offence under section 139 of the Act.	1 penalty unit	Failure by holder of licence or permit to notify Chief Commissioner in writing of change of address on licence within 7 days after change occurs.

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Sch. 7

SCHEDULE 7

**FORM OF REPORT UNDER SECTION 123C OF THE FIREARMS
ACT 1996**

CLUB NAME:

Club Shooting Events

Approved Handgun Target Shooting Matches

<i>Date</i>	<i>Match number</i>
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Sch. 7
inserted by
S.R. No.
84/2003
reg. 13,
substituted by
S.R. No.
154/2003
reg. 13,
amended by
S.R. No.
124/2005
reg. 3,
substituted by
S.R. No.
173/2005
reg. 7.

Handgun Target Shoots

<i>Date</i>	<i>Handgun class number*</i>
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- * 1. Air handgun; or
2. Rimfire handgun; or
3. Centrefire handgun with a calibre of .38 inch or less *or* a black powder handgun; or
4. Centrefire handgun with a calibre of more than .38 inch but not more than .45 inch.

Membership List

<i>Full name</i>	<i>Licence number (if applicable)</i>	<i>Date of birth</i>	<i>Principal club (Y/N)</i>
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PARTICIPATION RECORD FOR:

1. Principal Club Members; and
2. Club Members who are Members of that Club only.

Member's full name and licence number:

Approved Handgun Target Shooting Matches

<i>Date</i>	<i>Match number</i>	<i>Nature of participation*</i>	<i>Details of handgun, being either police reference number (preferable) or serial number</i>	<i>Handgun class number**</i>	<i>Club name (only if different from club keeping this record)</i>
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- * "RO". Range Officer; or
"S". Supervisor; or
"CJ". Competition Judge; or
"I". Instructor (approved firearms safety course); or
"C". Competitor.

- ** 1. Air handgun; or
2. Rimfire handgun; or
3. Centrefire handgun with a calibre of .38 inch or less or a black powder handgun; or
4. Centrefire handgun with a calibre of more than .38 inch but not more than .45 inch.

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Handgun Target Shoots

<i>Date</i>	<i>Nature of participation*</i>	<i>Details of handgun, being either police reference number (preferable) or serial number</i>	<i>Handgun class number**</i>	<i>Club name (only if different from club keeping this record)</i>
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- * "RO". Range Officer; or
"S". Supervisor; or
"C". Competitor.

- ** 1. Air handgun; or
2. Rimfire handgun; or
3. Centrefire handgun with a calibre of .38 inch or less or a black powder handgun; or
4. Centrefire handgun with a calibre of more than .38 inch but not more than .45 inch.
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Sch. 8

Sch. 8 inserted by S.R. No. 84/2003 reg. 13, substituted by S.R. No. 154/2003 reg. 14, revoked by S.R. No. 173/2005 reg. 8.	*	*	*	*	*
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Sch. 9 inserted by S.R. No. 84/2003 reg. 13, substituted by S.R. No. 154/2003 reg. 15, revoked by S.R. No. 173/2005 reg. 8.	*	*	*	*	*
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Sch. 10

SCHEDULE 10

Sch. 10
inserted by
S.R. No.
154/2003
reg. 16.

PRESCRIBED CLASSES OF GENERAL CATEGORY HANDGUN

1. Air handgun
 2. Rimfire handgun
 3. Centrefire handgun with a calibre of .38 inch or less or a black powder handgun
 4. Centrefire handgun with a calibre of more than .38 inch but not more than .45 inch
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Endnotes

ENDNOTES

1. General Information

The Firearms Regulations 1997, S.R. No. 32/1997 were made on 22 April 1997 by the Governor in Council under sections 24, 31, 56, 57, 58, 63, 87, 97, 106, 155, 167, 168, 170, 178 and 191 of the **Firearms Act 1996**, No. 66/1996 and came into operation on 29 April 1997: regulation 3.

The Firearms Regulations 1997 will sunset on 21 April 2008: see the Subordinate Legislation (Firearms Regulations 1997 - Extension of Operation) Regulations 2006, S.R. No. 126/2006.

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Endnotes

2. Table of Amendments

This Version incorporates amendments made to the Firearms Regulations 1997 by statutory rules, subordinate instruments and Acts.

Firearms (Amendment) Regulations 1998, S.R. No. 6/1998

Date of Making: 28.1.98

Date of Commencement: 2.2.98: reg. 3

Firearms (Prescribed Purposes) Regulations 1998, S.R. No. 89/1998

Date of Making: 7.7.98

Date of Commencement: 6.8.98: reg. 3

Firearms (Prescribed Circumstances) Regulations 1998, S.R. No. 112/1998

Date of Making: 1.9.98

Date of Commencement: 7.9.98: reg. 3

Firearms (Amendment) Regulations 1999, S.R. No. 102/1999

Date of Making: 10.8.99

Date of Commencement: 22.8.99: reg. 3

Firearms (Handgun Control) Regulations 2003, S.R. No. 84/2003

Date of Making: 1.7.03

Date of Commencement: Regs 1–13 on 1.7.03: reg. 3(1)

Firearms (Search Powers) Regulations 2003, S.R. No. 118/2003

Date of Making: 30.9.03

Date of Commencement: 5.10.03: reg. 3

Firearms (Handguns) Regulations 2003, S.R. No. 154/2003

Date of Making: 16.12.03

Date of Commencement: Regs 1–7, 10, 11(1), 13–15 on 28.12.03: reg. 3(1);
regs 8, 9, 11(2)(3), 12, 16 on 1.1.04: reg. 3(2)

Monetary Units Regulations 2004, S.R. No. 88/2004

Date of Making: 29.6.04

Date of Commencement: 1.7.04: reg. 3

Firearms (Amendment) Regulations 2005, S.R. No. 124/2005

Date of Making: 4.10.05

Date of Commencement: 4.10.05

Firearms (Further Amendment) Regulations 2005, S.R. No. 173/2005

Date of Making: 20.12.05

Date of Commencement: 1.1.06: reg. 3

Firearms (Amendment) Regulations 2006, S.R. No. 81/2006

Date of Making: 27.6.06

Date of Commencement: 1.7.06: reg. 3

3. Explanatory Details

¹ Sch. 2: Section 87(2) of the Act states that a licensed firearms dealer must record the following particulars about a firearm coming into his or her possession—the licence number or other evidence of the person's authority to possess the firearm; and the make, type, calibre, action and serial number of the firearm.

² Sch. 2: Where the firearm holds a detachable magazine, the dealer must record the capacity of the detachable magazine in the firearm at the time it comes into his or her possession.

³ Sch. 2: The number issued by police when a firearm is registered under Part 5 of the Act.

⁴ Sch. 2: Section 87(2) of the Act states that a licensed firearms dealer must record the following particulars about a firearm going out of his or her possession—the permit to acquire (where the case so requires); the licence number or other evidence of the person's authority to possess the firearm; and the make, type, calibre, action and serial number of the firearm.

⁵ Sch. 2: Where the firearm holds a detachable magazine, the dealer must record the capacity of the detachable magazine in the firearm at the time it goes out of his or her possession.

⁶ Sch. 2: See note 3.

⁷ Sch. 2: Section 87(2) of the Act states that a licensed firearms dealer must record the following particulars in the case of a firearm in respect of which the dealer is acting as an agent for the person acquiring the firearm—the permit to acquire (where the case so requires); the licence number or other evidence of the person's authority to possess the firearm; and the make, type, calibre, action and serial number of the firearm.

⁸ Sch. 2: Where the firearm holds a detachable magazine, the dealer must record the capacity of the magazine in the firearm at the time it is acquired by another person in the transaction.

⁹ Sch. 2: See note 3.

¹⁰ Sch. 2: Section 87(2) of the Act states that a licensed firearms dealer must record the following particulars in the case of a firearm in respect of which the dealer is acting as an agent for the person disposing of the firearm—the licence number or other evidence of the person's authority to possess the firearm; and the make, type, calibre, action and serial number of the firearm.

¹¹ Sch. 2: Where the firearm holds a detachable magazine, the dealer should record the capacity of the magazine in the firearm at the time it is disposed of by another person in the transaction.

¹² Sch. 2: See note 3.

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¹³ Sch. 3: Where the firearm holds a detachable magazine, the collector must record the capacity of the magazine in the firearm.

¹⁴ Sch. 3: See note 3.

¹⁵ Sch. 3: Where the firearm holds a detachable magazine, the collector must record the capacity of the magazine at the time it comes in to his or her possession.

¹⁶ Sch. 3: See note 3.

¹⁷ Sch. 3: Where the firearm holds a detachable magazine, the collector must record the capacity of the magazine in the firearm at the time it goes out of his or her possession.

¹⁸ Sch. 3: See note 3.