

Control of Explosives Regulations, 1991

Application for Renewal of an Explosive Certificate for Blackpowder to be used in Firearms and Shotguns

Name

Address

Firearm certificate number		Shotgun certificate number	
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Present explosive certificate that is to be renewed:	<p><i>Note: If you intend to change the type of certificate already held you cannot apply using this form. In those circumstances you need to complete a form COER 1A</i></p> <p><i>* To confirm the type of explosive certificate you require to be renewed please delete whichever of options 1 or 2 does not apply. If option 1 is chosen, enter the amount to be acquired on any one occasion and its purpose in the spaces provided.</i></p>
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*(1) I apply to acquire [] kilograms of black powder on any one occasion, which I will use for the purpose of [] and will not store. I will dispose of any remaining powder on the day I acquire it by the following method(s) -

*(2) I apply to acquire and keep black powder, which will be not more than the amount in Regulation 10(2)(b) of the Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations, 2005 *(see note a.)* This storage complies to the requirements in the Approved Code of Practice to those regulations *(see note b)*

Application information:	<p><i>Please note that if all of the below declarations do not apply to your application, you need to make the application on a form COER 1A</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Tick box to confirm</i></p>
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- I am the holder of the above firearm/shotgun certificate(s) granted under the Firearms Act 1968 that I am applying to be renewed at the same time.
- I confirm that information in relation to any convictions and any medical conditions I may have are contained in the above Firearms Act application form(s) that I have submitted in respect of the renewal of that firearm/shotgun certificate
- I have or may possess a firearm/shotgun under the terms of above certificate(s) for which black powder is required as a propellant either by muzzle loading or in its ammunition.
- I declare that I am not a prohibited person as defined in Regulation 2 of the Control of Explosives Regulations, 1991 *(see note c)*

The statements made in this form are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am aware that it is an offence under Section 33(1)(k) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act, 1974, for me to make a false declaration in this application in order to obtain for myself an explosive certificate issued under the Control of Explosives Regulations 1991.

Signed

Date.....

See page 2 for the notes

Notes:

(a) Limits in MSER regulation 10(2)(b):-

10 kilograms of black powder

and

5 kilograms comprising **one** of the following options

- (i) Shooters powder (black powder or smokeless powder) **or**
- (ii) Any explosive or combination of explosives in Schedule 1 to the Control of Explosives Regulations, 1991 **or**
- (iii) A combination of the explosives in options (i) and (ii) above

and

15 kilograms of percussion caps or small arms ammunition or a mixture of them

(b) Précis of storage in the Approved Code of Practice to MSER 2005

(for the complete storage information see paragraphs 411-420 of the Approved Code of Practice)

- Powder must be in containers with no more than 550 grams per container.
- The containers must not be metal. Plastic/polythene or paper/cloth are suitable. Care is required to ensure where plastic is used that it does not induce static electricity.
- The containers must be kept in a box constructed of plywood with a minimum thickness of 18 mm, or a material of equal or greater fire and physical resistance to attack.
- The box must be constructed to provide 30% additional height between the top of the container and the inside of the lid.
- If the box is to hold more than one container of powder, the interior must be divided by 6mm wooden partitions securely fixed to the walls of the box.
- It is a good idea to fit an intumescent strip around the lid.
- The box must not be stored in any box, drawer, locker or cupboard made of metal.
- Locating the box for storage –
 - The box should not be stored on or under any means of access or escape
 - The box should not be kept in the same room as flammable liquids or in any areas where there is a risk of fire
- Security of the box –
 - The box must be kept in either a secured room or other suitably secured place
 - Where not kept under the above provisions the box should meet certain minimum requirements
 - Have securely fixed robust hinges
 - A secure hasp using a security grade padlock
 - Have suitable arrangements to frustrate attempts to remove the box (e.g securing by its handles or similarly attached ring to a strong point using good quality chain or fixing device

(c) Prohibited person - The Control of Explosives Regulations 1991 Regulation 2 –

(1) You are prohibited from acquiring, possessing or exercising control over explosives **for life** if you have been:

- Convicted of any offence under the Explosive Substances Act, 1883
- Sentenced to:
 - imprisonment or custody for life;
 - imprisonment, detention in a young offenders institute, youth custody or corrective training for a term exceeding 30 months;
 - preventive detention;
 - detention during Her Majesty's pleasure or for life, or under section 205(2) or (3) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 or
 - a term exceeding 30 months passed under Section 53, Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (young offenders convicted of grave crimes) or Section 205 Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975 (detention of children convicted on indictment)

(2) You are prohibited from acquiring, possessing or exercising control over explosives **for 10 years from the date of conviction (5 years if under 17 at the time of conviction)** if you have been sentenced to:

- Imprisonment for a term exceeding 6 months, but not exceeding 30 months
- Youth custody or detention in a young offenders institute or corrective training exceeding 6 months, but not exceeding 30 months.

(3) You are prohibited from acquiring, possessing or exercising control over explosives **for 7 years from the date of conviction (3 ½ years if under 17 at the time of conviction)** if you have been sentenced to:

- Imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months
- Youth custody or detention in a young offenders institute for a term not exceeding 6 months

You may apply to the Crown Court in England and Wales or the Sheriff in Scotland for an order to be made that you are no longer a prohibited person

If you are required to have a recipient competent authority transfer document (RCA document) by the Placing on the Market and Supervision of the Transfer of Explosives Regulations 1993 you will also need to renew that document as it expires on the same date as your present explosive certificate. Following changes at HSE, your application should now be made to - The Explosives Inspectorate, Health & Safety Executive, 1.2 Redgrave Court, Merton Road, Bootle, Merseyside, L20 7HS. You can contact them by - Telephone: 0151 951 3775 Fax: 0151 951 3891 or e-mail: explosives.licensing@hse.gsi.gov.uk