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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2004 No. 702**

**The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004**

**PART II**

**FIREARM CERTIFICATES, ETC.**

*Firearm certificates*

**Grant of firearm certificate**

5.—(1) If he is satisfied that the applicant can be permitted to have in his possession without danger to public safety or to the peace the firearm or ammunition in respect of which the application is made, the Chief Constable may grant a firearm certificate.

(2) The Chief Constable shall not grant a firearm certificate unless he is satisfied that the applicant—

- (a) is a fit person to be entrusted with a firearm; and
- (b) has a good reason for having in his possession, or for purchasing or acquiring, each firearm and any ammunition to which the certificate relates.

(3) Subject to Article 7, the Chief Constable shall not grant a firearm certificate to a person under the age of 18.

(4) The Chief Constable shall not grant a firearm certificate to a person who is prohibited by this Order from possessing a firearm.

(5) The Chief Constable may, if he is satisfied that it is necessary to do so, provide the holder of a firearm certificate with a duplicate certificate [<sup>F1</sup>or an updated certificate] on payment of the appropriate fee.

[<sup>F2</sup>(6) In paragraph (5)—

“duplicate certificate” means a copy of the firearm certificate as granted; and

“updated certificate” means the firearm certificate revised up to such date as may be specified on the certificate.]

**F1** Words in art. 5(5) inserted (13.5.2016) by Justice Act (NorthernIreland) 2016 (c. 21), s. 61(1), **Sch. 5 para. 5(1)(a)**

**F2** Art. 5(6) added (13.5.2016) by Justice Act (NorthernIreland) 2016 (c. 21), s. 61(1), **Sch. 5 para. 5(1)(b)**

**Changes to legislation:**

The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004, Section 5 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 10 May 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 6(3A) inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 62\(2\)](#)
- art. 6A inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 62\(3\)](#)
- art. 11(1A) inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 62\(4\)](#)