
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2004 No. 702

The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004

PART VIII

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Application of certain provisions of this Order to police

78.—(1) For the purposes of this Article the relevant provisions are Articles 3 to 13 and paragraphs 1 and 4 of Schedule 1.

(2) The relevant provisions shall not apply to the following persons in their capacity as such so far as they relate to the possession of firearms and ammunition—

- (a) police officers;
- (b) members of the police support staff;
- (c) police trainees and police reserve trainees (within the meaning of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 (c. 32); and
- (d) members of any Harbour or Airport Police.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), the relevant provisions shall apply to the persons specified in paragraph (2)(a) to (d) so far as they relate to the purchase or acquisition of firearms and ammunition.

(4) The Chief Constable may purchase or acquire firearms or ammunition for police purposes without holding a firearm certificate.

Changes to legislation:

The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004, Section 78 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 August 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\(4\)](#)