



# Firearms Act 1968

## 1968 CHAPTER 27

### PART II

#### FIREARM AND SHOT GUN CERTIFICATES; REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS DEALERS

##### *Grant, renewal, variation and revocation of firearm and shot gun certificates*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>28B Certificates: limited extension**

- (1) This section applies where—
  - (a) an application is made for the renewal of a certificate on or before the day which falls 8 weeks before the day at the end of which the certificate is due to expire, but
  - (b) the chief officer of police does not determine whether or not to grant the application before the certificate is due to expire.
- (2) The certificate continues in force by virtue of this subsection until whichever of the following events occurs first—
  - (a) the chief officer determines whether or not to grant the application;
  - (b) the extension period ends.
- (3) In subsection (2), “the extension period” means the period of 8 weeks beginning with the day after the day at the end of which the certificate was due to expire.
- (4) If the event mentioned in subsection (2)(a) occurs first, and the chief officer grants the application, any period for which the certificate continued in force under subsection (2) is to be treated for the purposes of section 28A(1) as part of the period for which the renewed certificate is in force.
- (5) This section does not apply in relation to the renewal of a certificate granted or last renewed in Northern Ireland.]

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#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 28B inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 17.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), **ss. 131(1)**, 183(1)(5)(e); S.I. 2018/456, reg. 4

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

- Act amended by [1997 c. 5 s. 12\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 12 was repealed (17.12.1997) by 1997 c. 64, s. 2(7), Sch.; S.I. 1997/3114, art. 3, Sch. Pt. I)
- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

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

- s. 3A inserted by [2023 c. 49 s. 2](#)
- s. 11(3A)-(4A) substituted for s. 11(4) by [2023 c. 49 s. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 51(2A) added by [1997 c. 48 s. 62\(1\)Sch. 1 para. 3](#)