



Firearms Act 1968

1968 CHAPTER 27

PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

53 Rules for implementing this Act.

[^{F1}(1)] The Secretary of State may by statutory instrument make rules—

- (a) prescribing the form of certificates under this Act, and the register required to be kept under section 40 of this Act and other documents;
- (b) prescribing any other thing which under this Act is to be prescribed; and
- (c) generally for carrying this Act into effect;

and rules made under this section may make different provision for different cases.

[^{F2}(2)] A statutory instrument containing (whether alone or with other provision) rules under this section which prescribe conditions of the kind mentioned in section 27A(2) (conditions for storage etc of certain firearms) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.]

Textual Amendments

- F1 S. 53(1): s. 53 renumbered as s. 53(1) (16.5.2019) by [Offensive Weapons Act 2019 \(c. 17\)](#), [ss. 61\(3\)\(a\)](#), [70\(5\)\(l\)](#)
- F2 S. 53(2) inserted (16.5.2019) by [Offensive Weapons Act 2019 \(c. 17\)](#), [ss. 61\(3\)\(b\)](#), [70\(5\)\(l\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Ss. 53–56 amended by [Firearms \(Amendment\) Act 1988 \(c. 45, SIF 51:1\)](#), [s. 25\(6\)](#)
- C2 S. 53 extended (1.7.1997) by [1997 c. 5, s. 50\(5\)](#); S.I. 1997/1535, art. 3(b), [Sch. Pt. I](#)

Changes to legislation:

Firearms Act 1968, Section 53 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 09 April 2024. 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 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 S. 12 was repealed (17.12.1997) by 1997 c. 64, s. 2(7), Sch.; S.I. 1997/3114, art. 3, Sch.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](#)