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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*

#### **Application for firearm certificate**

- 4.—(1) An application for the grant of a firearm certificate must—
- (a) be made to the Chief Constable on a form provided by him for the purpose;
  - (b) contain such information as may be required by the form; and
  - (c) comply with any other requirements specified in the form.
- (2) The application must be accompanied in accordance with any requirements specified in the form by—
- (a) the appropriate fee (if any);
  - (b) two photographs of the applicant; and
  - (c) the names and addresses of two appropriate persons who have agreed to act as referees.
- (3) Subject to paragraphs (4) to (6), a person is an appropriate person for the purposes of paragraph (2)(c) if he has known the applicant for at least two years and is of good character.
- (4) A person is not an appropriate person for the purposes of paragraph (2)(c) if he is—
- (a) a relative of the applicant;
  - (b) a firearms dealer;
  - (c) a police officer or a member of the police support staff; or
  - (d) resident outside the United Kingdom.
- (5) If the application includes a statement that the applicant—
- (a) is a member of a firearms club authorised under Article 49; and
  - (b) requires any firearm or ammunition in respect of which the application is made wholly or partly for target shooting,
- paragraph (6) applies instead of paragraphs (3) and (4) and in paragraph (6) “firearms club” means a firearms club authorised under Article 49.
- (6) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(c)—
- (a) one person is an appropriate person if he—
    - (i) is an officer of a firearms club of which the applicant is a member but not a relative of the applicant or resident outside the United Kingdom; and
    - (ii) has known the applicant for at least one year and is of good character;

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- (b) the other is an appropriate person if he—
  - (i) is not a member of any firearms club or a person described in paragraph (4); and
  - (ii) has known the applicant for at least two years and is of good character.
- (7) Before considering the application the Chief Constable must have—
  - (a) permission from the applicant to approach his general practitioner to obtain factual details of his medical history which the general practitioner considers relevant to the application; and
  - (b) the following provided by each referee in such manner as the Chief Constable may require—
    - (i) verification of any information provided by the applicant;
    - (ii) verification of the likeness to the applicant of the photographs submitted with the application;
    - (iii) a statement that he knows of no reason why the applicant should not be permitted to possess a firearm; and
    - (iv) such other statements or information in connection with the application as the Chief Constable may require.

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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\(4\)](#)