

Application for an Explosives Certificate

- (a) for an Individual's own use in their Firearms &/ or Shotguns; or**
- (b) for the purposes in connection with the individual's possession of powders for/at re-enactment**

This application form is for use only: (a) where the applicant is applying for those explosives items that are for use solely in their firearms and/or shotguns; or (b) the acquisition of blackpowder (gunpowder) in connection with re-enactments, where the applicant is not required to hold a certificate under the Firearms Acts. Any person requiring additional explosives that do not fulfil this purpose must complete a form COER 1.

This form is for your use as an individual, and is not applicable to clubs, societies, or any body corporate. Please complete Part A and those Parts indicated against your choice of a certificate either to Acquire Only or to Acquire & Keep.

Please note that the information provided in this application may be held on and verified by reference to other information held on computers.

The address of any place where explosives are kept may be made available to the appropriate Fire Authority, for fire fighting purposes only, where such an arrangement has been agreed with the Chief Officer of Police.

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the requirements of the Control of Explosives Regulations 1991 as amended. Your attention is drawn specifically to the prohibition, which applies to certain persons having use, possession, control of and/or access to any explosives.

Please answer all questions, if they are not applicable to your particular application, either strike them out or enter "N/A". Applications should be completed in ink or by any typing medium.

Where any question makes reference to "see note..." this information can be found on page 6. Additional advice is available from your local police Explosives Liaison Officer.

Note: *- where this symbol appears, please delete that which is not applicable to your application.

For Police use only

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Part A – Details of Applicant

Surname.....Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, etc).....

Forename(s).....

Date & Place of Birth.....

Previous names (If any).....

Address.....

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Postcode.....Telephone number (Day).....(Evening).....

Previous Addresses in the last 5 Years.....

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I am making an application for the *Grant / *Renewal of an explosives certificate to:

* (a) Acquire Only (Complete Parts B & D of the Application)

* (b) Acquire and Keep (Complete Parts C & D of the Application)

Please complete the appropriate details below:-

Firearm Certificate Number.....Date of Issue.....Date of Expiry.....

Issuing Force.....

Shotgun Certificate Number.....Date of Issue..... Date of Expiry.....

Issuing Force.....

GENERAL INFORMATION

1 Have you ever been convicted of any offence (See Note 1).....Yes / No

If Yes, please give details. (If this is an application to renew an explosives certificate, then you need only enter convictions since the last certificate was issued)

Date Court Offence(s) Penalty

Date	Court	Offence(s)	Penalty

2 Do you suffer from, or have you ever had any form of mental illness, depression, epilepsy or other form of involuntary convulsive disorder.....Yes / No

If you answer Yes to the above, please give details in the following box and provide the information about the medical practitioner who is/was dealing with your condition.

<p>General Practitioner, Specialist Consultant's Name.....</p> <p>Address.....</p> <p>I hereby give permission for the police to approach my General Practitioner and or Specialist Consultant to obtain factual details of my medical history</p> <p>(Signed).....(Date).....</p>
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Previous Explosives Certificates and Applications:

3 Have you ever had an application for any explosives licence or certificate refused or revoked.....Yes / No

If Yes, Please enter details of:-

Date of refusal/revocation

Authority refusing or revoking

4 Have you ever held an explosives certificate under these Regulations or any of the certificates issued under the former provision of the Explosives Act 1875.....Yes / No

If yes, please complete the following:

Date of last certificate.....Issuing authority.....

Explosives authorised and purpose

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If you have never had any certificate, please detail your experience in the use, handling of explosives

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Purpose for which the explosives are required (Tick as required)

Use in muzzle loading firearms		Use in muzzle loading shotguns		Use for the reloading of ammunition	
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Indicate the explosives required –

Authorised Explosives (Tick rows required)	U.N. No	“√”
Blackpowder (Gunpowder)	0027, 0028	
Explosives not specified above: (Enter explosive name and UN number as above)		

(There is no need to include in the above those explosives items, e.g smokeless powder and small arms primers, for which an explosives certificate is not required)

5 Part B – For a certificate to Acquire *but not keep* explosives (see notes 1 to 4)

Dates between which the explosives certificate is required

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Total number of acquisitions to be made during this period

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Purpose for which the explosives are required

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Place(s) where the explosives are to be used

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Amount of explosives required on any one occasion –
(weight or number of items)

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Please state below how any unused explosives are to be disposed of: (See Note 4)

By return to supplier (give details)

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By placing in a licensed or registered store at:

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By destroying (give method, location and estimated time of destruction)

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Return to the company quartermaster / appointed powder officer

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6 Part C – For a certificate to Acquire and Keep explosives

Place where the explosives are to be kept (See Note 5)

*HSE Licensed storage place or place of manufacture

*Police Licensed Store, limited to.....Kgs

*Police Registered Store, limited to.....Kgs

*Other legal place of storage (*namely*).....
(if the "other legal place of storage" is not a residential address please enter on line above the sites description – see note 7)

At:
Address

Postcode

Details of present or previous Licence/Registration for a place of keeping, where applicable

Dates of Validity of current or last/previous licence or registration

Licence Number (*If applicable*)

Issuing Authority

Location of place of keeping if different to that given above

7 Part D – To be completed by all applicants

I hereby apply to the Chief Officer of Police for the *Grant / *Renewal of an Explosives Certificate for the *acquisition of explosives / *acquisition and keeping of explosives.

I declare that I am not a prohibited person⁽¹⁾ as defined in Regulation 2 of the Control of Explosives Regulations 1991 and the statements made in this form are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am aware that it is an offence under Section 33(1) (k) of the Health & Safety at Work etc Act, 1974, to make a false declaration.

I have read and understand the disclosures that may be made of the information I have provided in this application.

Usual signature of applicant.....

Date.....

⁽¹⁾ – see Note 6

Notes:

1. Offences, which would otherwise be spent for the purposes of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, must be declared on this form.
2. For a single acquisition, where explosives will need to be collected/delivered, ensure the dates specified allow for the obtaining of an RCA document – See Notes to Annex 1.
3. The maximum period for an Acquire Only certificate is 5 years. An RCA document (see Notes to Annex 1) will be required if you are acquiring explosives other than that provided to you at the site of use.
4. An Acquire Only certificate allows for the explosives to be acquired and possessed but not kept. Where the destruction of any surplus is proposed, the enforcing authority may wish to observe this procedure. Regulation 6 of the Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations, 2005 requires you to safely dispose of explosives. Guidance on disposal can be found in the Approved Code of Practice to the regulations. *If you are in any doubt you should seek specialist advice.*
5. Applicants should list all places of keeping. When "Other legal place of keeping is chosen, if the address does not relate to a residential address you will need to start the address box by specifying that place e.g. re-enactment site, range store, club store etc. The details on limits will be found by referring to the licence or registration issued under the Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations 2005. At a place of keeping which is unlicensed or not registered, the explosives permitted and amounts are found in Regulation 10(2) of the Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations 2005. No other classes of explosives may be kept at these premises.
6. Information on Prohibited person
 - (1) You are prohibited from acquiring, possessing or exercising control over explosives **for life** if you have been:
 - Convicted of any offence under the Explosive Substances Act, 1883;
 - Sentenced to:
 - imprisonment or custody for life;
 - imprisonment, detention in a young offenders institute, youth custody or corrective training for a term exceeding 30 months;
 - preventive detention;
 - detention during Her Majesty's pleasure or for life, or under section 205(2) or (3) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 or
 - a term exceeding 30 months passed under Section 53, Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (young offenders convicted of grave crimes) or Section 205 Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975 (detention of children convicted on indictment)
 - (2) You are prohibited from acquiring, possessing or exercising control over explosives **for 10 years from the date of conviction (5 years if under 17 at the time of conviction)** if you have been sentenced to:
 - Imprisonment for a term exceeding 6 months, but not exceeding 30 months
 - Youth custody or detention in a young offenders institute or corrective training exceeding 6 months, but not exceeding 30 months.
 - (3) You are prohibited from acquiring, possessing or exercising control over explosives **for 7 years from the date of conviction (3 ½ years if under 17 at the time of conviction)** if you have been sentenced to:
 - Imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months
 - Youth custody or detention in a young offenders institute for a term not exceeding 6 months

You may apply to the Crown Court in England and Wales or the Sheriff in Scotland for an order to be made that you are no longer a prohibited person

ANNEX 1 – PROVISIONS OF THE PLACING ON THE MARKET AND SUPERVISION OF THE TRANSFER OF EXPLOSIVES REGULATIONS 1993 (POMSTER) – TRANSFER DOCUMENT REQUIREMENT

The explosives terms in the table on page 4 in Part A are the descriptions used by the Health & Safety Executive in the preparation of a transfer document required for shipment and movement of explosives under the above Regulations. If you are applying for a transfer document, the classes specified in your application for an Explosives Certificate under the Control of Explosives Regulations, 1991, will be those that you will be authorised to have shipped and transported. Care should be taken to ensure you have indicated all the types of explosives you require.

A transfer document (usually known as an "RCA document") is normally required by any person who obtains explosives for use, other than at the same site. If you are acquiring propellants, usually Blackpowder (gunpowder) for use for the reloading of small arms ammunition for your own sporting or other recreational use, an RCA document is not required for the journey from the place of purchase to the place where the ammunition will be made. A person supplying explosives will normally expect to receive an RCA document or proof that the transfer does not require such a document.

An RCA document is obtainable from: The Explosives Inspectorate, Health & Safety Executive, 1.2 Redgrave Court, Merton Road, Bootle, Merseyside, L20 7HS. You can contact them by - Telephone: 0151 951 3775; Fax: 0151 951 3891 or by e-mail: explosives.licensing@hse.gsi.gov.uk

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STORAGE OF SHOOTERS' POWDERS



Figure 1



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The following guidance is extracted from Regulation 5 the Health and Safety Executive publication Approved Code of Practice and guidance (ACOP)

- 411** Shooter's powder includes both black powder and smokeless powder.
- 412** The powder must be kept in containers with no more than 550grams of powder per container. The container's must be constructed in such a way that, in the event of a fire they do not provide additional containment that will increase the explosive force of any deflagration. Normally plastic/polythene or paper/cloth containers will be suitable for this purpose. Metal containers with a screw cap, or a push-in lid (ie similar to a paint tin lid) must not be used.
- 413** Although shooter's powders are generally not very sensitive to ignition by electrostatic discharge, home loaders or others who decant the contents of plastic containers must take care to reduce the risk of build up of static electricity. Advice on appropriate precautions may be sought from the manufacturer.
- 414** The containers of powder must be kept in a box constructed of plywood with a minimum thickness of 18 mm – or material with an equal or greater fire and physical resistance. (Health and Safety Laboratory tests found that 18 mm plywood offered 15 minutes' fire resistance; 24 mm plywood offered 30 minutes' fire resistance).
- 415** Metal boxes, including ammunition boxes, are not suitable and must not be used. This is because, firstly while metal is fire resistant it also transmits heat very well and secondly, because the metal container adds additional containment that significantly increases the explosive power of the powder. It should be noted that the requirements in this paragraph replace guidance permitting the keeping of black powder in a lacquered or tinned iron or steel trunk or box contained in *A guide to the Control of Explosives Regulations 1991*.
- 416** Where the box holds more than one container, each individual container must be separated by a 6 mm wooden partition that is securely fixed to the outer walls of the box. Each compartment must allow 30% additional height between the top of the container and the inside of the lid.
- 417** It is a good idea to put an intumescent strip around the edges or the lid to give a good seal.
- 418** Figure 1 shows a box that would meet the requirements set out in the previous paragraphs.
- 419** The box should be constructed so that there is no exposed metal on the inside. Internal nuts must be covered by a glued wooden liner not less than 6 mm. The box must not be kept in any form of metal box, drawer or cupboard.
- 420** The box must not be located:
- under or near any means of access or escape, for example under stairs;
 - in the same room as flammable liquids; or
 - in areas where there are risks of fire.