

Regulations under the Arms Act, 1920.

JELLICOE, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 22nd day of November, 1920.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on him by the Arms Act, 1920, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby make the following regulations for the purposes of the said Act; and doth declare that the said regulations shall come into force on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

REGULATIONS.

INTERPRETATION.

1. In these regulations the following terms and expressions shall, if not inconsistent with the context, have the meanings hereby attached to them, viz. :—

“The Act” means the Arms Act, 1920.

“District” means a police district for the purposes of the Police Force Act, 1913.

“Superintendent,” “Inspector,” “Sub-Inspector,” or “Sergeant” mean officers of police holding such respective ranks.

“Authorized officer” means an officer of police authorized for the purposes of sections 7, 8, and 9 of the Act.

POSSESSION OF UNLAWFUL WEAPONS.

2. Every application for a license to retain possession of an unlawful weapon must be in writing and signed by the applicant and delivered at the nearest police-station in the district in which the applicant usually resides, and must state—

(a.) The full name, abode, and occupation of applicant :

(b.) Particulars of service beyond the seas of member of New Zealand Expeditionary Force :

(c.) Such description of the unlawful weapon as may enable it to be identified :

(d.) How, when, and where the said weapon was acquired by applicant :

(e.) Where beyond the seas it was used, or when it was brought into the Dominion, as the case may be :

(f.) The name, address, and occupation of a person who recommends the application.

3. Every such application must be accompanied by the certificate of registration issued in respect of the unlawful weapon, if such weapon be a firearm.

4. Every license to retain possession of an unlawful weapon shall be in the form numbered (1) in the First Schedule hereto.

5. A copy of every such license shall be forwarded to the Superintendent or Inspector in charge of the district in which the person to whom the license was issued resides.

6. Every Superintendent and Inspector in charge of a district shall keep a Register in the form numbered (2) in the First Schedule hereto, in which shall be entered particulars of each such license issued to any person resident in his district.

7. Every holder of a license to retain possession of an unlawful weapon who changes his place of abode must notify such change within forty-eight hours to the Superintendent or Inspector of the district. If such change of abode be to another district, the Superintendent or Inspector of the district the licensee has left shall notify the Commissioner of Police and return the copy of the license issued by the Minister of Defence, so that it may be forwarded for registration by the Superintendent or Inspector in the district to which the licensee has removed.

8. It shall be the duty of each near relative residing in the house in which any such licensee dies, and also of the occupier thereof if there be no near relative so residing, to notify the Superintendent or Inspector of the district of the death of such licensee.

LICENSES TO CARRY PISTOLS.

9. Application for a license to carry a pistol must be in writing and signed by the applicant and delivered at the nearest police-station in the district in which the applicant usually resides, and must state—

(a.) The full name, abode, and occupation of applicant :

(b.) Such description of the pistol as may enable it to be identified :

(c.) The purpose for which and where the pistol is to be carried, and the period of time for which the license is required :

(d.) The name, address, and occupation of a person who recommends the application.

10. Every such application must be accompanied by the certificate of registration issued in respect of the firearm for which such a license is required.

11. If a Superintendent or Inspector is satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold such a license, he may issue and deliver such license to the applicant upon payment of the prescribed fee.

12. Every license to carry a pistol shall be in the form numbered (3) in the First Schedule hereto, and shall be valid only in the district in which it was issued.

13. Every such license shall become void, and may not be exercised, after the expiration of twelve months from the date it was issued, but may then be renewed without the payment of any fee.

14. Every holder of a license to carry a pistol who changes his place of abode must notify such change within forty-eight hours to the Superintendent or Inspector of the district in which such license was issued, failing which such license will be void. The change of abode shall be noted on the license and in the Register by such officer, who, if the change be to another district, shall notify the Superintendent or Inspector of that district.

15. Every Superintendent and Inspector shall keep a copy of every such license issued by him, and shall keep a Register in the form numbered (4) in the First Schedule hereto.

IMPORTATION OF ARMS.

16. A permit for a person other than a dealer to bring or cause to be brought into New Zealand any firearms, ammunition, or explosive shall be in the form numbered (5) in the First Schedule hereto, and every Superintendent or Inspector shall keep a copy of every such permit issued by him.

PERMITS TO PROCURE ARMS.

17. Every permit to procure the possession of any firearm, ammunition, or explosive shall be in the form numbered (6) in the First Schedule hereto, and every officer of police shall keep a copy of every such permit issued by him.

Separate permits must be obtained for firearms and for ammunition or explosives.

18. The Commissioner of Police may authorize that ammunition for small sporting-rifles not exceeding 0.22 in calibre may be purchased and sold without a permit, for such limited areas and periods of time as he deems fit.

19. Every person who procures possession of a firearm in pursuance of a permit shall forthwith register such firearm at the police-station named in such permit.

20. Every person who, whether by sale or in any other manner, delivers possession of any firearm to any other person shall, before delivery of such firearm, fully describe the firearm on the back of the permit, and shall subscribe his name and the date of the transaction, and shall then forthwith deliver the permit to the officer in charge of the police-station named in the permit. The officer of police shall endorse on such permit the date, place, and number of the certificate of registration, and the name of the registrant, and shall then forward the permit to the officer who issued it. The last-named officer shall endorse such particulars on the copy of the permit.

21. Every person who supplies ammunition or explosives in pursuance of a permit shall retain possession of such permit.

22. Every person other than a licensed dealer who by way of sale or in any other manner delivers possession of any firearm to any person entitled to obtain the same by virtue of a permit shall, in addition to describing the firearm, endorse on the permit the date, place of issue, and number of the certificate of registration of such firearm, and shall immediately upon delivery of such firearm forward his certificate of registration to the authorized officer who issued the said permit. Such authorized officer shall forward the certificate to the Superintendent or Inspector in charge of the district in which it was issued, who shall cancel it, record the cancellation in his Register of Arms, and forward the cancelled certificate to the police-station at which it was issued in order that the copy of same may be cancelled.

POSSESSION OF ARMS IN PRESCRIBED AREA.

23. Every permit to have possession in a prescribed area of any firearm, ammunition, or explosive shall be in the form numbered (7) in the First Schedule hereto.

24. Every officer of police shall keep a copy of every such permit issued by him.

25. Application for such a permit must be in writing and signed by the applicant and delivered to the officer of police at the nearest police-station in the district in which the applicant usually resides, and must state—

(a.) The full name, abode, and occupation of the applicant :

(b.) Such description of the firearm or ammunition or explosive as will enable the same to be identified :

(c.) For what purpose such firearm, ammunition, or explosive is required.