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**ISLE OF MAN  
TO WIT**

By His Excellency Sir Peter Hyla Gawne Stallard, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., M.B.E.,  
Lieutenant Governor of the said Isle, &c., &c., &c.

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## **The Firearms Rules 1970**

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I, the said Lieutenant Governor in pursuance of the power conferred on me by section 30 of the Firearms Act 1947, DO HEREBY make the following Rules:—

1. A firearm certificate shall be granted or renewed subject to the following conditions (whether or not in addition to any other conditions), that is to say:—

- (i) the holder must, on receipt of the certificate, sign it in ink with his usual signature ;
- (ii) the firearms and ammunition to which the certificate relates must at all times when not in actual use be kept in a secure place with a view to preventing access to them by unauthorised persons ;
- (iii) the holder must inform at once the Chief Officer of Police of the theft or loss of any firearm to which it relates ;
- (iv) the holder must, without undue delay, inform the Chief Officer of Police of any change in his permanent address.

2. An application for the grant, renewal or variation of a firearm certificate shall be in the form set out in Schedule 1 to these Rules.

3. A firearm certificate shall be in the form set out in Schedule 2 to these Rules.

4. The form set out in Schedule 3 to these Rules shall be used for permits issued under section 7(1) of the principal Act.

5. An application under section 8 of the principal Act for registration as a firearms dealer, or for a new certificate of registration as a firearms dealer, shall be in the form set out in Part I of Schedule 4 to these Rules.

6. A notification under section 10(2) of the principal Act (that is to say, a notification that a person registered as a firearms dealer proposes to carry on business as such at a place of business not yet entered in the register) shall be in the form set out in Part II of Schedule 4 to these Rules.

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7. The register to be kept by the Chief Officer of Police under section 8 of the principal Act shall be in the form set out in Schedule 5 to these Rules.

8. The register to be kept under section 12 of the principal Act by a person who by way of trade or business manufactures, sells or transfers firearms or ammunition (being firearms or ammunition within the meaning of that section) shall be in the form set out in Part I of Schedule 6 to these Rules, and the provisions of Part II of that Schedule shall have effect in relation to the manner in which a register in that form should be kept.

9. (1) The Rules specified in Schedule 7 to these Rules are hereby revoked.

(2) Nothing in this Rule affects the validity of anything done or any document issued before the coming into operation of these Rules.

10. (1) These Rules may be cited as the Firearms Rules 1970.

(2) The Interpretation Acts 1949 and 1968 apply for the interpretation of these Rules as they apply for the interpretation of an Act of Tynwald.

(3) In these Rules, "the principal Act" means the Firearms Act 1947 and a reference to a form includes a reference to any form to the like effect.

(4) These Rules shall come into operation when approved by resolution of Tynwald.

GIVEN under my hand,

This 5th day of March, 1970.

P. H. G. STALLARD,  
Lieutenant Governor.

Government Office,  
Isle of Man.

These Rules were approved by Tynwald on 21st April, 1970.

Form of Application for the grant, renewal or variation of a Firearm Certificate

Application for the GRANT/RENEWAL/VARIATION of a Firearm Certificate

(delete as appropriate)

To be completed by all applicants

Applicant's title and Surname Title ..... Surname
(Mr. Mrs. Miss or title)

Christian or forenames in full .....

Full postal address .....

Details of firearms possessed at date of this application. If none, write NONE here:

Calibre Maker's name Type Serial No.

Details of firearms desired to be purchased or acquired and from whom

Quantity Calibre Type

Name ..... Address .....

Ammunition:

Quantity Calibre

Amount possessed at date of this application .....

Maximum amount desired to be possessed at any one time.....

Maximum amount desired to be purchased or acquired at any one time.....

Height ..... Nationality.....

Occupation .....

Business address: Permanent address if different from above:

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Do you suffer from any form of mental disorder or defect? YES/NO

If YES, give details:

Have you been convicted of any offence, other than minor traffic offences? YES/NO

If YES, give details:

Reasons for requiring each of the firearms and the ammunition specified:

Where do you intend to use each of the firearms specified?

Where, if a firearm certificate is issued, renewed or varied, will each of the firearms and the ammunition specified be kept when not in use and what arrangements have been made for their safe custody?

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To be completed in respect of applications for the GRANT of a firearm certificate

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Date and place of issue of any previous firearm certificate held.  
If none, write NONE here.....

Date of issue..... Place of issue.....

Date and place of issue of any shot gun certificate held. If  
none, write NONE here.....

Date of issue..... Place of issue ..... Number.....

Have you at any time had an application for the grant or renewal of a firearm  
or shot gun certificate refused? YES/NO

If YES date..... Place.....

Date of birth ..... Place of birth .....

If at any time you have used a name or names other than those quoted above,  
give details (including in the case of a married woman, surname before  
marriage): .....

If you have lived at addresses other than those quoted above during the last  
five years, give them below:

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To be completed in respect of applications for the RENEWAL or VARIATION  
of a firearm certificate

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Details of firearm certificate to be renewed or varied :

Number ..... Date of issue .....

Granted by the chief officer of police of .....

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To be completed by ALL applicants

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I hereby apply to the Chief Officer of Police for  
a firearm certificate  
the renewal of the firearm certificate specified  
the variation of the firearm certificate specified } delete  
as  
appropriate  
in respect of the firearm(s) and ammunition and for the reasons specified.

I declare that the statements made on this form are true.

Date ..... Usual signature of applicant.....

If the applicant is under 17 years of age, signature of parent or guardian:

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*Form of a Firearm Certificate*

FIREARM CERTIFICATE

Certificate Number .....

Date of Issue .....

This certificate is granted for the purposes of section 1(1) of the Firearms Act 1947 to the holder named below and relates to the firearms and ammunition specified hereon.

Name and address of holder

Signature of holder .....

1. FIREARMS

(i) Possessed

(ii) Authorised to be purchased or acquired

2. AMMUNITION

(i) Possessed                      Quantity      Calibre

CONDITIONS

This certificate is subject to the following conditions.

1. The holder must, on receipt of this certificate, sign it in ink with his usual signature.
2. The firearms and ammunition to which this certificate relates must at all times when not in actual use be kept in a secure place with a view to preventing access to them by unauthorised persons.
3. The holder must inform at once the Chief Officer of Police of the theft or loss of any firearm to which it relates.
4. The holder must, without undue delay inform the Chief Officer of Police of any change in his permanent address.

*Here the Chief Officer of Police may insert other conditions.*

This certificate will continue in force for three years from the date shown below.

Signed .....  
Chief Officer of Police

.....  
(date)

- (ii) Maximum amount authorised to be possessed at any one time.
- (iii) Maximum amount authorised to be purchased or acquired at any one time

**VARIATION OF CERTIFICATE**

Entries in this section may be made only by the police and should conclude with the signature of the Chief Officer of Police varying the certificate, and the date of the variation.

**RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE**

I hereby renew this certificate for three years from ..... (date).....

Signed .....  
 Chief Officer of Police  
 ..... (date)

*Instructions to persons from whom the holder of this certificate purchases or acquires firearms or ammunition*

Every person selling, letting on hire, giving or lending a firearm or ammunition to the holder of this certificate must:—

- 1. make an appropriate entry in each column of TABLE 1 (FIREARMS) or TABLE 2 (AMMUNITION), showing in column E what statutory authority he has to be in possession of firearms or ammunition:
- 2. complete the certificate by giving his signature and the date in column F:
- 3. if the holder of this certificate is unknown to him obtain a receipt for any firearm supplied and keep it for production if required:
- 4. in the case of a firearm, within 48 hours from the transaction, send by registered post or the recorded delivery service notice of the transaction to the Chief Officer of Police:
- 5. in any case report in writing within 48 hours to the Chief Officer of Police any circumstances attending the transaction which appear to require investigation.

*Here the Chief Officer of Police may insert other instructions.*

**F Certificate**

I certify that the entries in columns A to E are correct and relate to a transaction with the holder of this certificate, that I have inspected this certificate and the record of previous transactions and I have satisfied myself that the transaction will not place the holder of the certificate in possession of firearms in excess of or otherwise than as authorised by the certificate;

Signature and date

**TABLE I (FIREARMS)**

A Date of sale or transfer	B Name and address of person selling or transferring firearm	C State whether sold, let on hire, given or lent	D Quantity, calibre, maker's name and type of firearm, identification number or other mark	E Authority to possess (e.g. firearm certificate or dealer's registered number)

F Certificate

I certify that the entries in columns A to E are correct and relate to a transaction with the holder of this certificate, that I have inspected this certificate and the record of previous transactions and I have satisfied myself that the transaction will not place the holder of the certificate in possession of ammunition in excess of or otherwise than as authorised by the certificate ;

Signature and date

TABLE 2 (AMMUNITION)

A Date of sale or transfer	B Name and address of person selling or transferring ammunition	C Quantity of ammunition	D Calibre and description of ammunition	E Authority to possess (e.g. firearm certificate or dealer's registered number)

SCHEDULE 3

Rule 4.

*Form of Permit for an Auctioneer to sell by auction, expose for sale by auction and have in his possession for sale by auction a firearm or ammunition*

..... (Police Area)  
 Permission is hereby granted to the auctioneer(s) .....(Name)  
 of ..... (Address)

to have in possession for sale by auction and to expose for sale by auction the following firearms and ammunition:—

*Firearms\** .....

*Ammunition†* .....

and to sell them by auction in the above-mentioned police area on the terms that:

- (1) The person to whom this permit is granted shall inform the Chief Officer of Police at once of the name and address of any person purchasing or acquiring any of the above firearms or ammunition.
- (2) Reasonable precautions shall be taken to ensure the safe custody of the firearms and ammunition, and any loss or theft shall be reported at once to the Chief Officer of Police.
- (3) This permit shall be returned to the Chief Officer of Police on or before the date on which it expires.

\*Description, including type, calibre, maker's name, identification number or other distinguishing mark.

†Quantity, type and calibre.

This permit expires on ..... (Date)

..... (Signature)  
Chief Officer of Police.

..... (Date)

Rule 5.

## SCHEDULE 4

### PART I

*Form of Application for Registration as a firearms dealer or for a new Certificate of Registration*

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To be completed by all applicants

Applicants title and surname Title..... (Mr., Mrs., Miss or title) (Surname)

Christian or forenames in full .....

Name of principal business .....

Business address .....

Precise nature of business .....

Applicant's private address ..... Nationality .....

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To be completed only in respect of applications for initial registration

Other business (if any) which will be carried on at the address (i.e. by whom carried on, nature of business, and name under which business is carried on):

Previous experience in handling firearms:

Proposals for ensuring the safe custody of firearms if the application is granted:

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To be completed by applicants having more than one place of business in firearms and/or ammunition in the police area

Additional places of business in firearms and/or ammunition:

Name of business .....

Business address .....

Precise nature of business .....

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To be completed by all applicants

I hereby apply to the Chief Officer of Police for registration as a firearms dealer/a new certificate of registration (*delete as appropriate*).

I declare that the statements made on this form are true.

Date ..... Usual signature of applicant .....



PART II

Rule 6.

*Form of Notification by a registered firearms dealer of a place of business not already entered in the register*

Name of proposed business.....

Address of proposed place  
of business.....

Nature of the firearms business to be carried on at the  
proposed address.....

Other business (if any) which will be carried on at the proposed address (i.e. by whom carried on, nature of business, and name under which business will be carried on):

Full name of applicant.....

Place of residence.....

I, being registered as a firearms dealer in this police area, hereby notify the Chief Officer of Police that I propose to carry on business as a firearms dealer at a place of business in this area which is not entered in the register. I declare that the statements made on this form are true.

Date ..... Usual signature of registered dealer .....

Rule 7.

SCHEDULE 5.

*Form of police register of firearms dealers*

Name of Firearms Dealer .....

Particulars of places of business at date of registration:—

Addresses	Name of business at each address	Nature of business at each address

Date of Registration.....

Particulars of places of business notified subsequently:—

Addresses	Name of business at each address	Nature of business at each address	Notified on	Entered in register by

## SCHEDULE 6.

Rule 8.

### PART I

*Form of a firearms dealer's register of transactions*

#### Part I:

Quantities and descriptions of firearms and ammunition manufactured:—

Date of completion of Manufacture.	Quantity		Description	
	Firearms	Ammunition	Firearms	Ammunition

#### Part II:

Quantities and description of firearms and ammunition purchased, acquired or accepted:—

Date of Transaction	Name, Address and status* of Seller or Transferor	Quantity		Description		Nature of Transaction†
		Fire-arms	Ammu-nition	Firearms	Ammuni-tion	

#### Part III:

Quantities and description of firearms and ammunition sold or transferred:—

Date of Transaction	Particulars as to the Purchaser or Transferee‡	Quantity		Description		Nature of Transaction§
		Fire-arms	Ammu-nition	Firearms	Ammuni-tion	

\*State whether he is a registered firearms dealer, or holds a firearm certificate, or, if he is an exempted person, the nature of his exemption.

†State whether purchased, hired, borrowed, accepted as a gift, or accepted for sale, repair, test, proof, cleaning, storage, destruction or other purpose.

‡The particulars as to the purchaser or transferee must include (1) his name and address; (2) if he has a firearm certificate, the police area in which the certificate was issued; (3) otherwise, particulars of his authority to purchase, acquire or possess without a firearm certificate and, if he is unknown to the dealer particulars sufficient for identification. Any particulars which cannot be conveniently entered in the column may be entered in another place in Part III, provided that such place is clearly indicated in the column.

§State whether sale, hire, loan, gift, or other form of transfer, including return of firearms accepted for sale, repair, test, proof, cleaning, storage, destruction or other purpose

**Part IV:**

Quantities and description of firearms and ammunition in possession for sale, transfer, or other purposes at the date of the last stocktaking or other date in each year:—

Date	Quantity		Description	
	Firearms	Ammunition	Firearms	Ammunition

**Rule 8.**

**PART II**

*Directions as to the manner of keeping a register in the form set out in Part I of this Schedule*

1. The register may be kept in the following manner—

- (i) the four Parts of the register may be kept in separate books ;
- (ii) each Part may be divided into separate sections for firearms and ammunition ;
- (iii) each Part or section may be so arranged that entries relating to one or more different descriptions of firearms or ammunition are made either in separate divisions of the column or columns headed "Description" or in separate sections or subsections of that Part ;
- (iv) Part II and Part III may each be divided into separate sections or subsections according to the nature of the transaction or transactions;
- (v) a separate section or subsection of Part IV may be provided for firearms in possession for purposes other than sale or hire :

Provided that—

- (a) the nature of the contents of each section or subsection is indicated at the beginning of the section or subsection, and
- (b) the Parts, sections and subsections are so kept as to be readily available for inspection.

2. Parts or columns of the register which relate to a class of business which is not carried on may be dispensed with, provided that a statement of the class of business carried on is entered at the beginning of each Part.

3. In Parts I, II and III of the register, the totals of the entries in the columns headed "Quantity" should be shown at the foot of each completed page as "carried forward" and at the head of the next page as "brought forward".

4. The description of firearms or ammunition or the headings of the columns in which entries under the heading "Description" are made should indicate clearly—

- (a) in the case of firearms—
  - (i) the class of firearms (e.g. shot gun, rifle, revolver or pistol);
  - (ii) the make, type or distinctive name of the firearm ;

- (iii) the calibre ;
  - (iv) the number or other distinguishing mark, if it is practicable to give it ; and
  - (v) except in Part I of the register, the maker's name ;
- (v) in the case of ammunition—
- (i) the make, type or distinctive name of the ammunition ;
  - (ii) the nature of the explosive (e.g. smokeless powder);
  - (iii) the calibre ; and
  - (iv) except in Part I of the register, the maker's name.

5. No abbreviations should be used, unless their meaning is made plain to any person inspecting the register.

6. Where any entries other than the prescribed particulars are made in the register, they should be made in such a way as not to interfere with or obscure the entries of the prescribed particulars.

SCHEDULE 7.

Rule 9.

*Rules revoked*

Rules	References
The Firearms Rules 1948	G.C. No. 11/48.
The Firearms Rules 1952	G.C. No. 158/52.
The Firearms Rules 1957	G.C. No. 23/57.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Rules)*

These Rules prescribe the forms to be used in connection with the grant of certificates and permits for the purposes of the Firearms Act 1947 and the registration of firearms dealers and also the form of the register of transactions to be kept by such dealers. The Rules supersede the Rules listed in Schedule 7 but the only substantial change made is in relation to the form of application for a firearm certificate.