



FIREARM AMNESTY 2020/2021
An opportunity not to be missed

FIREARM AMNESTY GUIDELINES

The Minister of Police has declared a firearm amnesty period of six (6) months commencing on 01 August 2020 to 31 January 2021, through the publication of a notice in the Government Gazette.

The amnesty period creates an opportunity for members of the public to surrender unwanted firearms or firearms they possess illegally, as well as ammunition and/or firearm parts to the South African Police Service without fear of being prosecuted for the unlawful possession of this equipment.

The objectives of the amnesty period, are to reduce the large pool of illegal/unwanted firearms, ammunition and/or firearm parts that are in circulation in the country.

A person who surrenders his/her firearm during the period of amnesty, will be required to complete and sign the necessary forms at the nearest police station, and must insist on a copy of the SAPS 548 (Amnesty form).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POLICE STATION OR
CENTRAL FIREARMS REGISTER (CFR) CALL CENTRE AT 012 353 6111
REPORT CORRUPTION AT 0800 701 701**

In terms of section 139(4)(a) of the Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act No 60 of 2000), a person who surrenders a firearm in compliance with a notice published in terms of subsection (1), may apply for a licence in respect of that firearm.

A person who applies for a firearm licence as indicated above, must comply with the provisions of the Act applicable to the licensing of a firearm, which includes the following:

- » The limitation on the number of firearms for different categories a person may legally possess
- » The applicant must be in possession of a valid competency certificate for the firearm for which a licence is applied for
- » A person who applies for a firearm licence, is required to physically hand in the firearm to the Designated Amnesty Official, and lodge an application within 14 days.

Only the person who surrenders the firearm to the Designated Amnesty Official himself/herself, may apply for a licence in respect of that firearm.

The application for the firearm licence must be submitted to the relevant Designated Amnesty Official responsible for the area in which the applicant resides, and must comply with the following:

- » A certified copy of the applicant's competency certificate (if already issued).
- » In cases where the applicant does not possess a competency certificate, he/she must apply for a competency certificate in accordance with the provisions of the Firearms Control Act.
- » Complete form SAPS 271 on which the applicant has indicated his/her intention to apply for the specific firearm licence. The application for a firearm licence will only be accepted by the Designated Amnesty Official on condition that it is in compliance with the provisions of the Firearms Control Act.
- » Provide a comprehensive motivation to support the need for the firearm licence, preferably in the form of a statement under oath or affirmation.
- » Provide a certified copy of the legal firearm licence, permit or authorisation applicable to the specific firearm (if applicable).