

How to apply to declare premises a Firearm Free Zone

Applicant must complete the relevant sections of form SAPS 517(f) Application to declare premises a Firearm Free Zone in triplicate and submit to Designated Firearms Officer where premises is situated.

Supporting documents

- A certified copy of the applicant's identity document or passport.
- Proof of appointment as the responsible person acting on behalf of a juristic person.
- Details of the specific area of the premises or category of premises to be declared as a Firearm-Free Zone. (e.g. demarcation map);
- Motivation why the premises must be declared as a Firearm-Free Zone;
- Information regarding the capacity to maintain the premises a Firearm-Free Zone.
- Information regarding the medium of communication to inform the public.
- Description of the notices and signs as well as the placement thereof at the identified strategic points;
- Details of access control and safekeeping facilities and control of safe keys.

Types of Declarations

- **Voluntary declaration**
Discussions will occur within the community regarding the need to declare firearm-free zones. Acceptance and maintenance by stakeholders to develop a policy on the establishment and maintenance of a firearm-free zone.
- **Compulsory declaration**

The Act provides powers to the Minister of Police to declare premises or category of premises as firearms-free zones after consultation with the National Commissioner and the Police Secretariat. Considering the danger posed by firearms to the community, the South African Police Service must specify the premises or types of premises that should be designated as firearm-free zones.

Where a decision has been made to declare a premises a firearm-free zone, a notice of declaration will be gazetted.

General Provisions and Conditions

- Premises declared as Firearm Free Zone must be clearly identified and demarcated.
- Notices must be posted at the main entrances or at strategic places on the premises or category of premises in English and where applicable in the predominant local language, promoting the premises or category of premises as a Firearm-Free Zone
- Where premises are declared as Firearm-Free Zone, all correspondence must be marked accordingly to reflect the status of the premises or category of premises as Firearm-Free Zone. The notices and signs must be visible at all times
- The person applying on behalf of the institution must notify the relevant Designated Firearms Officer of the changes that may occur to any information submitted in the application.



DECLARATION OF FIREARM-FREE ZONES

It is in the interest of the public to declare your premises a Firearm-Free Zone.

You may apply for the premises to be declared a Firearm-Free Zone.
Approach your local police station to apply.

NOTE: Only the Minister of Police is authorised to declare any premises or categories of premises to be Firearm-Free Zones.

