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PART I

Preliminary

1. This Act may be cited as the Firearms Act. Short title.
- 2.-(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.
- “ammunition” means the complete round or its components, 8 of 1962.
including cartridge cases, primers, propellant powder, bullets or 9 of 1987.
projectiles, that are used in a firearm; 5 of 2018.
- “antique firearm” means a firearm that has been in the 5 of 2018.
possession of any person for more than twenty years or that is
more than twenty years old;
- “authorized carrier” means a person who has been issued with 5 of 2018.
an authorization under section 3B to transport and deliver a
firearm or ammunition to an individual who holds a valid
licence for the firearm or ammunition or to a gun dealer;
- “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Police; 36 of 2002.
- “company” includes a firm, a statutory body, and any body of 36 of 2002.
persons, corporate or unincorporate;
- “firearm” means any portable barrelled weapon that expels, is 18 of 1998.
designed to expel or may be readily converted to expel a shot, 5 of 2018.
bullet or projectile by the action of an explosive, excluding
antique firearms and home-made firearms or their replicas;
- “foreign company” means a company— 36 of 2002.
- (a) one-half or more of whose directors or
shareholders are not citizens of Belize;

- (b) one-half or more of the issued share capital of which is held by or for and on behalf of a person who is not a citizen of Belize; or
- (c) which is otherwise under the control of a person who is not a citizen of Belize;

3 of 2007. “firearm safety instructor” means any person who is licenced by the Commissioner of Police to conduct a certified firearm safety training course;

35 of 2010. “gun-dealer” means every person who deals in, sells, or makes firearms or ammunition;

5 of 2018. “gun repair licence” means a licence under this Act issued to a person who repairs, alters or tests firearms;

5 of 2018. “heirloom firearm” means a firearm, other than a prohibited firearm, ownership of which has passed to a person by inheritance;

“licensed gun-dealer” means a person holding a gun-dealer’s licence under this Act;

36 of 2002. “local company” means a company which is incorporated or formed in Belize and is not a foreign company;

5 of 2018. “possession” in relation to a firearm or ammunition is to be construed in accordance with section 6;

5 of 2018.
Schedule III. “prohibited firearm” means a firearm referred to in section 35 and described in Schedule III;

3 of 2007. “shooting club” means a non-profit organisation whose activities includes target practice or target shooting competition among members using licenced firearms;

3 of 2007. “shooting range” means a place that is designated or intended for the safe discharge, on a regular and structured basis of

firearms for the purposes of target practice or target shooting competitions.

(2) In interpreting this Act, any firearm or kind of ammunition not coming clearly within the exception shall be deemed to be included in the definition.

PART II

Prohibition against Keeping Firearms without Licence

3.—(1) Subject to section 3B, no person shall own, keep, carry, discharge or use any firearm or ammunition for any purpose, unless he is the holder of a valid licence for that purpose, issued under section 3A.

Gun licences.
9 of 1987.
5 of 2018.

(2) An application that is approved by the Commissioner shall be subject to the relevant fee in the Table below.

TABLE ¹			
TYPE OF GUN LICENCE		CITIZEN OF BELIZE, CARICOM NATIONAL, BELIZEAN OR CARICOM COMPANY	NON-BELIZEAN, NON-CARICOM NATIONAL, OR FOREIGN COMPANY
(a)	Special Protection Licence	\$75.00	\$500.00
(b)	Gun Repair Licence	\$200.00	\$500.00

¹This Table was amended by Acts. No. 36 of 2002, 3 of 2007(g), 5 of 2018 and 23 of 2019.

(c)	Sport Hunter Licence	\$450.00	\$750.00
(d)	Farmer Gun Licence	\$5.00	\$25.00
(e)	Shooting Range	\$1000.00	\$3000.00
(f)	Shooting Club	\$500.00	\$1500.00
(g)	Firearm Safety Instructor	\$500.00	\$1500.00
(h)	Heirloom Licence	\$300.00	\$600.00
		One-time fee not requiring renewal	
(i)	Company Gun Licence:		
	Category A (up to 10 firearms)	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00
	Category B (from 11 to 20 firearms)	\$4,000.00	\$10,000.00
	Category C (from 21 to 40 firearms)	\$8,000.00	\$20,000.00
	Category D (from 41 to 60 firearms)	\$16,000.00	\$40,000.00

(3) For the purpose of sub-section (2)–

- (a) where a firearm is used for more than one purpose, the higher of the fees prescribed above for such purposes shall be payable;

- (b) the licence fee for a member of the British Forces Belize or of any other foreign Force, or a non-national member of the Belize Defence Force, in respect of a firearm kept by him for his personal use shall be the same as that specified for nationals in the Second Column of the above Table;
 - (c) the diplomatic personnel accredited to the Government of Belize by a sovereign State shall pay as administrative charge the fees specified in the Second Column of the above Table in respect of firearms kept by them for their personal use;
 - (d) it shall be lawful for the Minister to exempt from the payment of the fees prescribed in the preceding sub-section any public officer to whom the Minister has given permission to keep, carry or use a firearm or ammunition for his protection in the carrying out of his official duties;
 - (e) such conditions may be attached to each type of licence as the Commissioner may consider necessary;
 - (f) an applicant for a gun licence may, in his application, seek to include in the licence the names of one or more members of his household, as persons who may lawfully use the licensed firearm, and the Commissioner may, if satisfied that the other member is not disqualified from holding a gun licence, include the name of the other member in the licence, and the list of additional members may from time to time be amended by the Commissioner at the request of the holder of the licence;
- 5 of 2018.

36 of 2002.

- (g) in the case of a Company Gun Licence, it shall be lawful for the Commissioner to issue one licence in the name of such company to cover all firearms and ammunition which the Commissioner may approve as reasonably required for the use of such company, and any of the firearms so licensed may be issued to and used by any licensed security guard employed by such company who has been certified by the Commissioner to be a fit and proper person to handle a firearm, and for this purpose, every company which has been issued a licence under this section shall forward a list of the security guards in its employ to the Commissioner and shall forthwith notify the Commissioner of any change in such list;

35 of 2010.
Schedule II.

- (h) the category of firearm or ammunition for which a person may be qualified to receive a gun licence shall be of the descriptions set out in Schedule II.

(4) The Minister may from time to time by Order published in the *Gazette*, amend the Table contained in the preceding subsection.

(5) Where a person who is granted a gun licence fails to acquire the type of firearm shown on his licence within three months of the date of issue, such gun licence shall automatically become void.

36 of 2002.

(6) A company which has been issued a Company Gun Licence shall be responsible for the proper custody, safe keeping and use of the firearms and ammunition for which it is licensed, and shall be liable for any improper or unauthorised use of any such firearm by any of its security guards.

5 of 2018.

(7) In this section—

“CARICOM national” means a person who—

- (a) is a citizen of a Member State;
- (b) has a connection with a Member State of a kind which entitles that person to be regarded as belonging to or, if it be so expressed, as being a native or resident of such a Member State for the purposes of the laws thereof relating to immigration;

“CARICOM Company” means a company or other legal entity constituted in a Member State in accordance with the laws thereof and which that Member State regards as belonging to it, provided that the company or other legal entity has been formed for gainful purposes and has its registered office and central administration, and carries on substantial activity within the Caribbean Community and is substantially owned and effectively controlled by CARICOM Nationals;

“Member State” means a Member State of the Caribbean Community excluding an Associate Member within the meaning of Article 231 of the Revised Treaty; and

“Revised Treaty” means the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community, including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy, that was signed in The Bahamas on 5th July, 2001.

(8) For the purposes of this section—

5 of 2018.

- (a) a company is a Belizean company if it has been formed and registered under the Companies Act or formed under another enactment of Belize, and is not a foreign company;
- (b) a company is a foreign company, if regardless of where it has been formed—

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- (i) one half or more of its shareholders or directors are not citizens of Belize;
- (ii) one half or more of its issued share capital is held by or for and on behalf of persons who are not citizens of Belize; or
- (iii) one half or more of the votes exercisable at any meeting of the company is held by or for and on behalf of persons who are not citizens of Belize.

Application for
certain gun
licence.
5 of 2018.

3A.—(1) A person may apply to the Commissioner for a—

- (a) Special Protection Licence;
- (b) Gun Repair Licence;
- (c) Sport Hunter Licence;
- (d) Farmer Gun Licence;
- (e) Shooting Range Licence;
- (f) Shooting Club Licence;
- (g) Firearm Safety Instructor Licence;
- (h) Heirloom Firearm Licence;
- (i) Gun Dealers Licence; or
- (j) Company Gun Licence,

Schedule I.

in the form set out in Form 1 in Schedule I.

(2) A person who makes an application for a Gun Dealers Licence, Company Gun Licence or a Shooting Range Licence

shall in addition to the application form, submit a written letter to the Commissioner giving reasons for the application.

(3) The Commissioner may approve or refuse an application made under sub-section (1), and where an application is approved, the relevant licence shall be issued to the applicant.

(4) An application under sub-section (1) shall be accompanied by the relevant fee in section 3(2).

3B.—(1) A person may apply to the Commissioner for an authorization, permitting the person to transport and deliver a firearm or ammunition, as an authorized carrier, to an individual who holds a valid licence for the firearm or ammunition or to a gun dealer.

Application for
an authorization.
5 of 2018.

(2) An application made under sub-section (1) shall be in the form set out in Form 2 in Schedule I.

Schedule I.

(3) The Commissioner may approve or refuse an application made under sub-section (1), and where an application is approved, the applicant shall be issued the authorisation.

(4) An authorisation under this section—

- (a) shall be accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars;
- (b) shall be for a period of no more than one year; and
- (c) may be renewed upon payment of the fee specified in paragraph (a).

(5) An authorized carrier shall have a firearm or ammunition in his possession for no longer than is reasonably necessary to deliver the firearm or ammunition to its destination.

Notice of refusal.
5 of 2018.

3C. Where the Commissioner refuses an application under section 3A or 3B, he shall give written notice of the refusal to the applicant within thirty days of his decision, giving reasons therefor.

Gun-dealer's
licences.

4.-(1) No person shall—

- (a) carry on business of a gun-dealer unless he is granted a gun-dealer's licence authorising him to do so;
- (b) carry on the business of gun-dealer at any other place than the premises specified in the gun-dealer's licence granted to him under this section.

40 of 1963.

(2) A gun-dealer's licence granted under this section may be revoked by the Minister, and no subsequent gun-dealer's licence shall be granted without the consent of the Minister to any person whose gun-dealer's licence has been at any time revoked.

9 of 1987.

(3) The following fees shall be payable in advance for the grant of a gun-dealer's licence under this section, namely—

44 of 1999.

- (a) by a citizen of Belize \$650.00;
- (b) by a person who is not a citizen of Belize \$7,000.00,

Provided that the Minister may, by Order published in the *Gazette*, vary from time to time the amount of fee payable for the grant of a gun-dealer's licence under this section.

Application for
Heirloom
Firearm Licence.
5 of 2018.
Schedule I.

4A.-(1) A person may apply to the Commissioner for an Heirloom Firearm Licence in the form set out in Form 1 in Schedule I.

(2) No person shall possess an heirloom firearm unless he is the holder of a valid Heirloom Firearm Licence.

(3) The Commissioner may approve or refuse an application under sub-section (1).

(4) A person who contravenes sub-section (2) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.

(5) No person shall be issued an heirloom firearm licence unless he provides sufficient proof of inheritance of the heirloom firearm.

(6) An Heirloom Firearm Licence authorizes the holder to possess a single heirloom firearm or a matched pair or set of heirloom firearms.

(7) An Heirloom Firearm Licence is subject to the condition that the heirloom firearm be rendered permanently incapable of being fired.

(8) For the purposes of this section, an heirloom firearm is to be regarded as having been rendered permanently incapable of being fired, upon certification as to such, by the Commissioner.

5. Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of section 3 or 4 commits an offence, and all firearms or ammunition in respect of which any such contravention is committed shall be liable, on the order of the court trying any such offence, to be forfeited.

Penalty for not taking out licence.

6. For the purposes of prosecution for an offence under this Act, a person who—

Evidence as to ownership.
5 of 2018.

(a) is found with any firearm or ammunition;

(b) occupies, controls or is in possession of any land, building, mobile home, room, vessel,

vehicle, aircraft or other place in or on which is found any firearm or ammunition;

- (c) is proved to have had with him or under his control any firearm or ammunition; or
- (d) is proved to have had with him or under his control anything in or on which is found any firearm or ammunition,

shall be deemed to be in possession of the firearm or ammunition in the absence of lawful excuse, the proof of which lies on the person.

Possession of
unlicensed
firearm and
ammunition
18 of 2014.

6A.-(1) Where any unlicensed firearm or ammunition is found in or on any premises owned or occupied by more than one person, the following provisions shall have effect—

- (a) where any such firearm or ammunition is found in or on any premises occupied by a family, the head of the family or the person in charge or control of the premises shall, for the purposes of this Act, be presumed to be keeper of such firearm or ammunition, unless there is evidence to the contrary;
- (b) where any such firearm or ammunition is found in or on any premises occupied by a group of persons not constituting a family, the lessee of the premises (if there be one), or the person in charge or control of the premises shall, for the purposes of this Act, be presumed to be the keeper of such firearm or ammunition, unless there is evidence to the contrary;
- (c) where any such firearm or ammunition is found in a room, cupboard, locker or other container, the person in occupation or control

of such room, cupboard, locker or container shall, for the purposes of this Act, be presumed to be the keeper of such firearm or ammunition unless there is evidence to the contrary;

- (d) where a case falls outside the scope of subparagraphs (a), (b), or (c) above and it is unclear who is the owner or keeper of such firearm or ammunition, the Police shall, before preferring any criminal charges, seek legal advice on the matter.

(2) Where any unlicensed firearm or ammunition is seen being thrown out of a vehicle, any of the following persons shall be presumed to be in possession of that firearm or ammunition—

- (a) the driver of the vehicle;
- (b) the employer of the driver of the vehicle if present in the vehicle;
- (c) the person in charge of the vehicle;
- (d) the person in control of the goods in or on that vehicle; or
- (e) the consignor of any goods in or among which the firearm or ammunition was found.

(3) Where any unlicensed firearm or ammunition is seen being thrown away from a motorcycle or bicycle, any of the following persons shall be presumed to be in possession of that firearm or ammunition—

- (a) the rider of the motorcycle or bicycle;
- (b) the employed of the rider of that motorcycle or bicycle if present on the motorcycle or bicycle; or

- (c) the person in charge of the motorcycle or bicycle.

(4) The presumptions made under sub-section (1) to (3) shall be made where the Crown can show that it was unable to link, with certainty, the possession of the firearm or ammunition to any other person.

(5) It shall be for the person presumed to be in possession of the unlicensed firearm or ammunition to adduce evidence to rebut the presumption.

(6) For the purpose of this section, an unlicensed firearm—

- (a) includes a firearm licensed under section 3 if the firearm is not in the possession of the holder of the licence for that firearm; and
- (b) does not include a firearm for which a licence was issued under section 3, where the licence is expired for a period of not more than thirty days.

PART III

Administration of the Act and Bullet Proof Vest

Conditions of
grant of licences.

7.—(1) Subject to this Act, every licence under this Act shall be granted by the Commissioner of Police.

(2) No licence shall be granted—

9 of 1987.
35 of 2010.

- (a) to any person under the age of twenty-one years;

44 of 1999.

- (b) to any person who has been convicted of any crime of violence to the person or of any crime against the public peace within three years

immediately preceding the date of his application, except for some special reason shown;

- (c) to any person who at the time of his application for a gun licence is already in possession of any firearm, except for some special reason shown;
- (d) to any person who, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Police, is not a fit and proper person to hold any such licence; 9 of 1987.
- (e) to any person who is unable to show any reasonable ground why a licence should be issued to him;
- (f) in respect of any firearm which in the opinion of the Commissioner of Police is of such a dangerous kind as to be unsafe in the possession of any person; or
- (g) to any person who has had his previous firearm lost or stolen, and it appears to the Commissioner of Police after due investigation that the loss or theft of the firearm was due to the negligence or fault of such person. 44 of 1999.

(2A) Notwithstanding sub-section (2)(a), and subject to the requirements under this Act, a person of at least sixteen years of age may be granted a Farmer's Gun Licence under section 3(2)(d). 35 of 2010.

(2B) A person who at the commencement of the Firearms (Amendment) (No.2) Act, 2010— 35 of 2010.

- (a) is under the age of twenty-one;

- (b) on his next birthday will not be at the age of twenty-one; and
- (c) is the holder of a licence other than a Farmer's Gun Licence,

shall continue to hold such licence up to the date of expiration of such licence.

9 of 1987.

(3) Any person aggrieved by the refusal of the Commissioner of Police to grant him a licence may, by petition in writing to the Minister, pray that the Commissioner of Police be directed to grant him a licence, and the Minister may after such enquiry as he may think fit—

- (a) grant the prayer and direct the Commissioner of Police to grant such licence; or
- (b) decline to interfere with the decision of the Commissioner of Police.

9 of 1987.

(4) No gun-dealer's licence shall be issued to any person unless the Commissioner of Police is satisfied that the place in the premises where that person proposes to keep the firearms or ammunition is reasonably secure from theft or other crimes against property.

(5) Every gun-dealer's licence shall clearly state the maximum number and quantity of firearms and ammunition to be kept.

14 of 1982.
9 of 1987.

(6) Every gun-dealer who keeps firearms and ammunition at any premises other than the premises described in the licence, or in any place in such premises other than the place approved by the Commissioner of Police, or keeps any firearms or ammunition in excess of the number and quantity specified in his licence commits an offence, and his licence shall be forfeited.

8.—(1) Subject to sub-section (2), a licence granted under this Act shall be for such period not exceeding three years as may be approved by the Commissioner, but may be renewed subject to such conditions and on payment of such fees as may be prescribed.

Duration of
licences.5 of
2018.
36 of 2002.

(2) Sub-section (1) does not apply in relation to a licence for an heirloom firearm, which type of licence does not require renewal.

9.—(1) Where any person has made application for a licence in respect of a firearm which has been previously licensed and the application is refused, such person shall forthwith surrender the firearm to the Commissioner of Police if he resides in the Belize district or, if he resides in any other district, to the officer in charge of the nearest police station, who shall hand such firearm to the Commissioner of Police.

Surrender of
firearms of un-
renewed licence.

(1A) A person whose licence is expired in accordance with section 7(2B) shall immediately surrender the firearm and ammunition to the Commissioner.

35 of 2010.

(2) Where any firearm has been surrendered under sub-section (1) or sub-section (1A), the owner may, within twelve months of such surrender, sell the firearm to any person to whom the Commissioner of Police is willing to grant a licence. Upon the grant of a licence to a purchaser of a firearm which is held by the Commissioner of Police, such firearm shall be handed to the purchaser.

14 of 1982.
9 of 1987.
35 of 2010.

(3) Where any firearm which has been surrendered under sub-section (1) or sub-section (1A) has not been sold and handed to a purchaser under sub-section (2), such firearm may, not less than twelve months after its surrender, be disposed of in a manner as the Minister may direct.

35 of 2010.

9A.—(1) A person may lodge his licensed firearm for safe keeping at any police station.

Safekeeping of
firearms at a
police station.
5 of 2018.

(2) The following fees are payable for the safe keeping of a firearm that is lodged at a police station for the respective periods indicated—

- (a) up to four weeks, \$10.00;
- (b) more than four weeks but less than six months, \$20.00; or
- (c) six months or more, \$50.00.

Register of
licences.
6 of 1977.
9 of 1987.
5 of 2018.

10. The Commissioner of Police shall keep a register in Form 3 of Schedule I, of all licences granted by him under this Act.

Effect of not
holding a licence
for one year
before the
application.
9 of 1987.

11.—(1) Every person applying for a licence under this Act, and who had not held a similar licence for the year immediately preceding the year in respect of which the licence applied for is to be granted, shall make a declaration as to whether he had ever been refused a similar licence by the Commissioner of Police or any other authority competent to grant licences under this Act.

(2) At least one month's notice of intention to apply for a gun-dealer's licence shall be given to the Commissioner of Police.

(3) At the hearing, the application may be opposed by any police or customs officer.

Importation of
firearms.
9 of 1987.

12. No firearms or ammunition imported into Belize shall be delivered to any person unless and until such person satisfies the Comptroller of Customs that he is licensed under this Act.

Firearms brought
into Belize from
neighboring
state.
9 of 1987.

13.—(1) Every person entering Belize with firearms or ammunition in his possession shall forthwith deposit them with the officer or constable in charge of a police station.

(2) The firearms or ammunition so deposited shall remain in the custody of the police officer in charge of the police station

until the person depositing them either produces to such police officer a licence under this Act or satisfies such police officer that he is about to depart forthwith from Belize, whereupon the firearms or ammunition shall be returned to him.

(3) Every person—

- (a) who fails to deposit his firearms or ammunition at a police station at the first available opportunity under this section; or
- (b) to whom firearms or ammunition are returned on the ground that he is about to depart forthwith from Belize who shall not at once depart therefrom by the customary route,

commits an offence.

(4) All firearms and ammunition so deposited shall be stored at the police station where they were deposited at the risk of the owner and if not claimed by and returned to the owner within one month from the day when they were so deposited shall be destroyed or disposed of in a manner as the Minister may direct.

40 of 1963.

14.—(1) Every person, other than a licensed gun-dealer, who sells or otherwise disposes of any firearm or ammunition to any other person in Belize shall, within fourteen days of such sale or disposition, notify in writing the Commissioner of Police or the police officer in charge of the district where such person resides, stating the name and address of the person to whom the firearm or ammunition has been sold or otherwise disposed of.

Unlicensed
persons selling
firearms.
14 of 1982.
9 of 1987.

(2) Every person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) commits an offence.

15.—(1) Every licensed gun-dealer shall—

- (a) keep on his premises a “stock book” and shall make or cause to be made an entry therein of

Licensed gun-
dealer to keep
stock books.
17 of 1980.
9 of 1987.

all firearms and ammunition on his licensed premises, and shall immediately after the receipt of any firearm or ammunition make or cause to be made therein an entry giving the particulars of such firearms and ammunition;

- (b) immediately after delivery of any firearm or ammunition from his licensed premises make or cause to be made in his “stock book”–
 - (i) an entry of the number of firearms and the quantity of ammunition delivered by him together with the number or other identification mark, if any, of each such firearm;
 - (ii) the date of delivery of the firearm or ammunition;
 - (iii) the name and address of the person to whom the delivery was made;
 - (iv) the number of the licence produced by the person to whom the firearm or ammunition was delivered; and
 - (v) the district from which the licence was granted, or the circumstances excepting the person from producing his licence and the cause of the delivery, whether on sale, hire or otherwise.

(2) The stock book and all arms and ammunition in the possession and control of such licensed gun-dealer shall be produced by him upon demand of any police officer for his inspection.

(3) Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this section, or who in the sale, purchase, hire or delivery of any

firearms or ammunition knowingly makes or causes to be made any false entry or statement as to any matter which he is required by this section to make, commits an offence.

16.—(1) No person may without the authority of the Minister import, manufacture, sell, purchase, carry or have in his possession any weapon, of whatever description, designed for the discharge of any noxious liquid, gas or other thing, or any ammunition containing or designed or adapted to contain any such noxious thing.

Prohibition of dealings with gas-discharging weapon.

(2) Every person who contravenes this section commits an offence.

17.—(1) Every person who has been granted a licence under this Act shall carry such licence with him at all times when he is carrying or using the firearm specified in the licence, and shall produce and deliver such licence to be examined and read by a police officer on demand.

Production of licences.
44 of 1999.

(2) Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with sub-section (1) commits an offence.

18. *Repealed.*

5 of 2018.

19.—(1) The Minister may, from time to time by Order published in the *Gazette*, prohibit—

Power of minister to prohibit carrying or sale of arms.
40 of 1963.
9 of 1987.

- (a) the carrying of firearms or ammunition in any district or part of Belize;
- (b) the carrying of firearms or ammunition by persons who are not citizens of Belize;
- (c) the sale of firearms or ammunition within Belize for such time as may be specified in the Order, or only allow the sale thereof within Belize subject to the conditions set out in such Order; or

- (d) the sale of firearms or ammunition to persons who are not citizens of Belize.

(2) Every person who carries any firearms or ammunition in contravention of the said Order commits an offence and is liable to forfeit any such firearms or ammunition.

(3) Every person who sells any firearms or ammunition in contravention of the said Order commits an offence.

Exclusion of special weapons, etc., from the jurisdiction of the Act.
40 of 1963.
9 of 1987.

20. The Minister may from time to time by Order published in the *Gazette* declare that any kind of weapon or ammunition specifically named in the said Order shall be excluded, either for the whole of Belize or any district in Belize, from the operation of this Act either for a fixed period or until such time as the Minister shall revoke the said Order by another Order.

Registration of bullet proof vest, etc.
9 of 2011.

20A.—(1) A person who intends to own or purchase a bullet proof vest shall apply to the Commissioner of Police to register that bullet proof vest at least 10 days before the date of purchasing or owning.

(2) An application for registration shall contain the following information—

- (a) name and address of applicant;
- (b) date of intended purchase or own;
- (c) details of the bullet proof vest;
- (d) reasons for purchasing or owning of the bullet proof vest;
- (e) names and address of persons other than the applicant who will be using the bullet proof vest;

- (f) any other information that the Commissioner of Police may require.

(3) The application for registration shall be accompanied by— 5 of 2018.

- (a) a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 per vest;
- (b) police record;
- (c) identification documentation.

(4) Subject to sub-sections (1) and (2), the Commissioner of Police shall register the bullet proof vest or other protective apparel and issue to the applicant a certificate of registration as set out in Form 6 of Schedule I. Schedule I.

20B.—(1) The following persons shall not qualify to apply for registration under section 20A of this Act— Persons prohibited from registration. 9 of 2011.

- (a) a person under the age of 21 years;
- (b) a person convicted of a crime of violence within 3 years immediately preceding his application unless the person satisfies the Commissioner that a bullet proof vest is required for use in his employment or for some other special reasons;
- (c) a person who is unable to show reasonable ground for the possession of bullet proof vest;
- (d) a person who in the opinion of the Commissioner is not a fit and proper person to own or use a bullet proof vest.

(2) A person aggrieved by the refusal of the Commissioner to grant a certificate of registration may, by petition in writing

to the Minister request that the Commissioner is directed to grant the certificate of registration and the Minister may—

- (a) approve the request and direct the Commissioner to grant the certificate of registration;
- (b) decline to interfere with the decision of the Commissioner.

Importation of
bullet proof vest.
9 of 2011.

20C. A bullet proof vest imported into Belize shall not be delivered to any person unless that person satisfies the Comptroller of Customs that such a person is registered under section 20A.

Sale of bullet
proof vest.
9 of 2011.

20D. The Minister may by Order published in the *Gazette*, prohibit the sale of bullet proof vest within Belize for such time as may be specified in the Order, or only allow the sale thereof within Belize subject to the conditions set out in such Order.

Penalty for
unauthorised
possession of
bullet proof vest.
9 of 2011.

20E. A person who is found in possession of a bullet proof vest that is—

- (a) not registered; or
- (b) registered but not authorized for use by the person in whose possession it was,

commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$500.00.

PART IV

Search, Arrest and Procedure

Production of
licence.

21. Any police officer, or any other person authorised by the Minister, may,

- (a) enter upon any lands for the purpose of requesting any person possessing, carrying or using any firearm or ammunition to produce his licence forthwith;
- (b) arrest without a warrant any person possessing, carrying or using firearms or ammunition without a licence as provided by this Act who does not satisfactorily account for the non-production of his licence; and
- (c) detain any such firearm or ammunition in his custody until such time as he can produce it with the person arrested before the court of summary jurisdiction of the Belize Judicial District or of the district where the arrest was made.

22. Any police officer may arrest without warrant any person whom he believes to be in possession of, or to be using or carrying a firearm or ammunition in contravention of any of the provisions of this Act, and may search that person and, whether arresting him or not, may seize and detain any firearm or ammunition in his possession, or used or carried by him.

Arrest and search of persons suspected of carrying firearms, etc.

23.—(1) Any police officer may enter and search all premises of persons suspected of possessing or selling firearms or ammunition otherwise than in accordance with this Act and may enter and search any place, vessel, boat or conveyance in which there is reasonable cause to suspect that any firearms or ammunition is or are concealed or placed in contravention of this Act.

Power of entry and search.

(2) If upon any such search any firearm or ammunition is found and no licence under this Act in respect of such firearm or ammunition is produced the firearm or ammunition may be seized and delivered into the custody of the officer in charge of the nearest police station, pending further proceedings in relation to the offence or until the licence is produced.

Safe custody of
firearms.
19 of 1966.

24.—(1) Any person may hand to an officer in charge of a police station any firearm which has become unserviceable or which such person no longer wishes to retain.

(2) Subject to sub-section (3)–

- (a) where any firearm has been handed to an officer in charge of a police station under sub-section (1); or
- (b) where any firearm has come into the possession of any police officer whether by finding or otherwise and the owner of such firearm is unknown,

the Commissioner of Police may, not less than six months after such firearm has been handed in or come into the possession of the Police, publish an Order in the *Gazette* setting out–

- (i) the details of such firearm;
- (ii) the owner's name if known; and
- (iii) the date the firearm came into his possession.

(3) The Order mentioned in sub-section (2), shall also state that unless such firearm is claimed within twenty-eight days of the publication of the Order, it will be disposed of in a manner as the Minister may direct, and the Commissioner of Police shall thereafter dispose of it in accordance with the Minister's direction.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (2), no such Order shall be published before 1st January, 1967.

Immunity from
liability for
dispersal of
firearm.

25. No suit or other legal proceedings shall be instituted in any court of law against the Government, the Commissioner of Police or any other officer of Government or the Minister in

respect of the disposal of any firearm under section 9(3) or 24 (3).

26. The Commissioner of Police may in his discretion revoke any licence, certificate or permit granted under this Act—

Cancellation of licence and forfeiture of firearm.
18 of 1998.

- (a) if, in the case of a licensed gun-dealer, he is convicted of an offence against this Act or of an offence against the Customs Regulation Act;
- (b) if he is satisfied that the holder thereof is of intemperate habits or of unsound mind, or is otherwise unfit to be entrusted with such firearm or ammunition as may be mentioned in the licence, certificate or permit;
- (c) if the licence holder is convicted of any crime of violence to the person;
- (d) if the licence holder is convicted under any of the following provisions, namely, section 3(1) (xvi), (xxii) and (xxiii), section 4(1)(xxviii) of and section 14 of the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act,;
- (e) for non-payment of fees;
- (f) if the licence holder is or becomes a prohibited immigrant for the purposes of the Immigration Act;
- (g) in any other case, if there is some other fit and proper cause.

CAP. 49.

CAP. 98.

CAP. 156.

27.—(1) The Commissioner by the 31st day of December in each year, cause to be published in the *Gazette* a list of all the licences revoked by him under this Act.

Publication of cancelled licences.

- 14 of 1982.
9 of 1987.
- (2) The Commissioner shall, immediately on the publication of any such list mentioned in sub-section (1), strike out from register of licences kept by him under section 10, the names of all those persons whose licences have been cancelled, noting in the register the reasons for the cancellation.
- Publication of
list of expired
licences.
35 of 2010.
- 27A.** The Commissioner shall, by the 31st day of December of the next five years after commencement of the Firearms (Amendment) (No.2) Act, 2010, publish in the *Gazette* a list of the names of persons whose licences expired under section 7(2B).
- Prosecution.
9 of 1987.
42 of 1999.
- 28.** All offenders under this Act may be prosecuted by any member of the Police Department before the court of Summary Jurisdiction of the judicial district in which the offence was committed.
- Evidence.
- 29.** Whenever in any prosecution under this Act the defendant claims to be licensed or claims any qualification or exemption from liability, the burden of proving such licence, qualification or exemption shall lie on him.

PART V

General Offences and Penalties

- Sale to persons
intoxicated or of
unsound mind.
- 30.** Every person who knowingly sells or delivers any firearm or ammunition to any person who is intoxicated or is not of sound mind commits an offence.
- Forging licence
or certificate.
9 of 1987.
- 31.** Every person who forges or counterfeits any licence or certificate required by this Act or who knowingly uses any forged licence or certificate commits an offence.
- Illicit trafficking
of firearm.
5 of 2018.
- 31A.** A person who—
- (a) unlawfully imports, exports, acquires, sells, delivers, moves or transfers a firearm,

ammunition or other related material into or out of Belize; or

- (b) is in possession of more than two illegal firearms,

commits the offence of illicit trafficking of a firearm and is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term of ten years.

31B. A person who holds a licence issued under section 3A and who—

Prohibition on persons who holds a certain licence.
5 of 2018.

- (a) keeps an ammunition in excess of the amount prescribed by the licence; or
- (b) leaves the firearm or ammunition in the care, custody or control of a person not authorized by the licence,

commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or in default to imprisonment for a period of three months.

31C.-(1) A person being a—

Prohibition on licensed gun dealer or firearm holder.
5 of 2018.

- (a) licensed gun dealer, who carries on the business of gun dealing on any premises other than that stipulated in his licence; or
- (b) licensed firearm holder uses or allows the firearm to be used by any other person in connection with an illegal act,

commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of two thousand five hundred dollars or in default to imprisonment for a period of two years.

(2) The Commissioner—

- (a) may revoke the licence of a person convicted of an offence under section 31B(b); and
- (b) shall revoke the licence of a person convicted of an offence under sub-section (1)(a) or (b).

Possession of a firearm with serial number removed.
5 of 2018.

31D. A person in possession of a firearm for which the serial number of the firearm is removed or tampered with commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than \$5,000.00 and not exceeding \$10,000.00 or in default to imprisonment for a term of not less than two years and not exceeding five years.

General penalty.
6 of 2008.

32.-(1) A person who commits an offence under this Act shall, unless otherwise specially provided, be sentenced to imprisonment on summary conviction as follows—

28 of 2010.

- (a) for a first offence, to imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than five years but which may extend to ten years;

28 of 2010.

- (b) for a second or subsequent offence, to imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than ten years but which may extend to twenty years.

6 of 2008.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-section (1), the Director of Public Prosecutions shall have a discretion to determine whether an offence under this Act shall be prosecuted summarily or on indictment.

6 of 2008.

(3) Where the Director of Public Prosecutions determines under sub-section (2) that an offence under this Act shall be prosecuted on indictment, any person convicted of such an offence shall, unless otherwise specially provided, be sentenced to imprisonment as follows—

28 of 2010.

- (a) for a first offence, to a term of imprisonment of not less than ten years and not more than twenty years;
- (b) for a second or subsequent offence, to imprisonment for a term of not less than fifteen years and not more than twenty-five years.

28 of 2010.

(4) Where it is shown to the satisfaction of the court that the convicted person was the holder of a valid firearms licence three months before the commission of the offence but the same had expired and was not renewed due to inadvertence, the court may, instead of imposing the penalties specified in sub-section (1) or (3), impose a fine of not less than five thousand dollars and not more than twenty-five thousand dollars and in default of payment of such fine, a term of imprisonment of not less than three years and not more than ten years.

6 of 2008.
28 of 2010.

(5) Where any person is convicted of an offence or of an attempt to commit an offence or of soliciting or inciting the commission of an offence under this Act the court by which such person is convicted shall order that the firearm, the subject of the offence, be forfeited; and any currency whether foreign or Belizean found in his control or possession may be forfeited, if the court is satisfied that the money was intended to be used for an illegal purpose.

15 of 1983.

(6) Where a person is convicted of an offence or of an attempt to commit an offence or of soliciting or inciting the commission of an offence under this Act and the court by which such person is convicted finds that any vehicle, vessel, aircraft or any other means of conveyance of whatever description was used or employed by such person for transporting or attempting or conspiring to transport any firearms or ammunition which are the subject of the offence of which he is convicted, such vehicle, vessel, aircraft or other means of conveyance of whatever description shall be forfeited.

26 of 1992.

26 of 1992.

(7) If, upon the application of any person, other than the accused person, prejudiced by a forfeiture order made under sub-section (6), the court is satisfied that he did not know, believe or suspect nor had reasonable grounds to believe or suspect that any such vehicle, vessel, aircraft or other means of conveyance of whatever description, as the case may be, was being used or employed in the commission or attempted commission of any offence under this Act, the court may upon such terms and conditions, if any, as it thinks fit revoke that order.

26 of 1992.

(8) An application under sub-section (7) for the revocation of a forfeiture order shall be made either at the time when such order is made or within thirty days of the date of the order, unless the court for special reasons to be recorded in writing, extends such period.

Sentences to run
consecutively
6 of 2008.

32A. Where a court imposes a term of imprisonment for an offence under this Act, the court shall order that such term shall run consecutively to any other term of imprisonment which the convicted person may be undergoing for a previous offence or which may be imposed on him thereafter for any other offence, where under this Act or any other law.

PART VI

Application of Act

Application of
Act
9 of 1987.
26 of 1980.
42 of 1999.
9 of 2011.

33. This Act shall not apply to any person in the Naval, Military, Air or Volunteer Forces of Her Majesty, or in the Police Department, or in the Prison or Revenue Services of Belize keeping, carrying or using a bullet proof vest or any firearms or ammunition in the performance of his duties or when engaged in target practice or going to or returning from any place for such purpose.

34.—(1) No person shall sell, lend, give or otherwise dispose of any firearm or ammunition to any person without written permit from the Commissioner.

Offences in respect of persons under 21 years of age.
35 of 2010.

(2) Subject to section 7(2B), no person under the age of 21 shall carry, keep, use, own or have in his possession any firearm or ammunition.

(3) Notwithstanding sub-section (2), a person 16 years of age or older may buy, carry, keep, use, own or have in his possession a firearm or ammunition where that person has been granted a Farmer's Gun Licence under section 7(2A).

(4) A person who contravenes this section commits an offence.

35.—(1) Subject to section 33, no person, including a gun-dealer, shall own, keep, carry, use or have in his possession any firearm or ammunition or other equipment or material of the descriptions set out in Schedule III.

Prohibition of possession, use, etc., of certain firearms.
9 of 1987.
36 of 2002
6 of 2008.
35 of 2010.
Schedule III.
44 of 1999.
36 of 2002.

(2) A gun licence or gun-dealer's licence granted to any person in respect of any firearm of the description mentioned in sub-section (1) shall be deemed to have been cancelled on and from the date of commencement of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 2002, and such person shall surrender such firearm to the Commissioner within one month of such commencement.

(3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this section commits an offence and shall be sentenced to imprisonment as follows—

6 of 2008.

(a) upon summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than three years but which may extend to seven years;

6 of 1994.

(b) upon conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term which shall not be

36 of 2002.

less than five years but which may extend to ten years.

44 of 1999.

(4) Where any firearm or ammunition is surrendered to the Commissioner under sub-section (2), a reasonable compensation therefor, based on the market value of such firearm, shall be paid to the owner within a reasonable time,

Provided that subject to the directions of the Minister, to be given on the advice of Cabinet, no compensation shall be payable if such firearm was being kept contrary to the provisions of this Act or of any other law.

Prohibition of
alteration, etc of
firearms.
9 of 1987.

36.—(1) No person shall, without the previous permission in writing of the Commissioner of Police, in any manner whatsoever add to, alter or with any firearm for which a gun licence or gun-dealer's licence has been granted to him under this Act.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) commits an offence.

Transitional
provisions.
9 of 1987.

37.—(1) Every person, other than a licensed gun-dealer, who at the commencement of the Firearms (Amendment) Act, 1987, owns, keeps or has in his possession or control any unrifled shotgun or ammunition suitable for use in such shotgun shall, if he wishes to retain such firearm or ammunition, apply to the Commissioner of Police for the grant of a gun licence within one month of such commencement.

(2) Where an application for a gun licence made under sub-section (1) is refused, or where the owner or keeper of such firearm or ammunition does not wish to retain the same, the applicant or such other person, as the case may be, shall forthwith surrender such firearm or ammunition to the Commissioner of Police, or to the officer in charge of the nearest police station who shall hand the same to the Commissioner of Police.

(3) Where any firearm or ammunition has been surrendered under sub-section (2), the owner may, within twelve months of such surrender, sell the firearm or ammunition to any person to whom the Commissioner of Police is willing to grant a licence, and upon the grant of such licence, such firearm or ammunition shall be handed to the purchaser.

(4) Where any firearm or ammunition which has been surrendered under sub-section (2) of has not been sold or this section handed to a purchaser under sub-section (3), such firearm or ammunition may, not less than twelve months after its surrender, be disposed of in a manner as the Minister may direct.

(5) Where any firearm or ammunition is disposed of on the directions of the Minister under sub-section (4), a reasonable compensation therefor, based on the market value of such firearm or ammunition, shall be paid to the owner within a reasonable time,

Provided that no compensation shall be payable if such firearm or ammunition was being kept contrary to the provisions of this Act or of any other law.

38. It is an offence for a person to have in his possession any firearm or imitation firearm with intent by means thereof to cause, or to enable another person by means thereof to cause, any person to believe that unlawful violence will be used against him or another person.

Possession of firearm with intent to cause unlawful violence.
18 of 1998.

39.—(1) It is an offence for a person to have with him a firearm or imitation firearm with intent to commit an offence, or to resist arrest or prevent the arrest of another, in either case while he has the firearm or imitation firearm with him.

Possession of firearms with criminal intent.
18 of 1998.

(2) In proceedings for an offence under this section, proof that the accused had a firearm or imitation firearm with him and intended to commit an offence, or to resist or prevent arrest, is evidence that he intended to have it with him while doing so.

(3) For the purposes of this section and section 38 of this Act, “imitation firearm” means anything which has the appearance of being a firearm whether or not it is capable of discharging any shot, bullet or other missile.

Discharging
firearm in public.
18 of 1998.

40.—(1) A person commits an offence against this Act if that person discharges any firearm or ammunition on or within forty yards of any public road or any public place, except—

- (a) in the lawful protection of his person or property or of the person or property of some other person; or
- (b) under the direction of some civil or military authority authorized to give such direction; or
- (c) with the permission of the Commissioner of Police; or
- (d) for any other lawful excuse or justification.

(2) Where any person is charged with an offence under sub-section (1), the burden of proving that the discharge of the firearm or ammunition in respect of which the contravention is alleged to have occurred was lawful within the meaning of sub-section (1)(a) to (c) shall lie on the person asserting the same.

Prohibition
against
manufacture of
firearms or
ammunition.
18 of 1998.

41.—(1) No person shall manufacture or assemble any firearm or ammunition, or keep any equipment or paraphernalia capable of use for the making or assembling of firearms or ammunition, without a licence granted by the Commissioner of Police.

(2) Every person who contravenes sub-section (1) of this section commits an offence.

Possession of
firearm while
under the
influence of
alcohol, etc.
44 of 1999.

42.—(1) Subject to sub-section (2), it is an offence for a person to have in his possession any firearm or ammunition while such person is under the influence of drugs or alcohol above the prescribed limit.

(2) Where a person is charged with an offence under subsection (1), it will be a defence for him to adduce evidence to show that the firearm was carried in the case of extreme necessity.

(3) For the purpose of this section, the words “drugs”, and “prescribed limit” shall have the meaning assigned to each of them by section 74G of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.

CAP. 230.

(4) The provisions of sections 74C and 74E(3) and (4) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the provision of a specimen of blood or urine for a laboratory test under this section by an accused person to determine the proportion of any drug or alcohol in a specimen of blood or urine provided by the accused person.

CAP. 230.

43. The Minister may, on the recommendations of the Commissioner of Police, by Regulations made under this Act, restrict the carrying of firearms, including the carrying of firearms by licence holders, in places of public entertainment or public functions, where he is satisfied that the carrying of firearms in such circumstances may result in a breach of the peace.

Restriction on carrying of firearms in certain circumstances. 44 of 1999.

44. The Minister may make Regulations to give better effect to the provisions of this Act, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, such Regulations may provide for—

Regulations. 44 of 1999.

- (a) the establishment of a forensic firearms identification system and the functions of that system;
- (b) the requirement that all persons applying for gun licences should pass a proficiency firearms test;
- (c) the requirement that all persons granted gun licences should deposit with the Firearms

Examiner test-fired ammunition, bullets and cartridges and other information regarding the identification of their firearms;

- (d) restricting the carrying of firearms, including the carrying of firearms by licence holders, in places of public entertainment or public functions; and
- (e) any other matters necessary to give full effect to the provisions of this Act.

Amendment of
Schedules.
36 of 2002.

45. The Minister may from time to time, after consultation with the Commissioner, amend any of the Schedules by Order published in the *Gazette*.

Savings.
35 of 2010.

46. A firearm prohibited in Schedule III for which a license was issued prior to the commencement of the Firearms (Amendment) (No.2) Act, 2010 shall be deemed to be licensed under the principal Act subject to the following conditions—

- (a) the provisions of section 9 shall apply where a person fails to renew his licence;
- (b) the licence is not transferable;
- (c) the person is prohibited from the licensing of a similar firearm where that firearm is lost, stolen or destroyed.

SCHEDULE I²

FORM 1
[section 3B(2)]

APPLICATION FOR FIREARMS LICENCE



1. PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

Full Name _____
Date of Birth _____ Nationality _____
Occupation _____ Phone # _____
Address _____

2. PARTICULARS OF FIREARM (S) BEING APPLIED FOR:

Rifles/Pistol/Shotgun/Others _____
Make and Caliber _____
Serial No. and Mark (if available) _____

3. TYPE OF LICENCE BEING APPLIED FOR:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| (a) Special Protection Licence | (f) Shooting Club Licence |
| (b) Gun Repair Licence | (g) Firearm Safety Instructor Licence |
| (c) Sport Hunter Licence | (h) Heirloom Firearm Licence |
| (d) Farmer Gun Licence | (i) Company Gun Licence |
| (e) Shooting Range Licence | |

4. FIREARM TO BE BOUGHT/IMPORTED FROM: _____

5. LIST ALL FIREARMS PREVIOUSLY LICENCED

Type _____	Type _____	Type _____
Make _____	Make _____	Make _____
Caliber _____	Caliber _____	Caliber _____

² This Schedule was amended by Acts No. 14 of 1982, No. 9 of 1987, No. 36 of 2002 and No. 5 of 2018

Licence No. _____	Licence No. _____	Licence No. _____
Place Issued _____	Place Issued _____	Place Issued _____
Category _____	Category _____	Category _____

**6. DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE HANDLING FIREARMS? LIST
EXPERIENCE IF ANY** _____

**7. WHAT TYPE OF SECURITY DO YOU HAVE FOR THE STORAGE
OF YOUR FIREARM** _____

8. DECLARATION

**I hereby declare that the particulars stated above are a full and true statement
to the best of my knowledge.**

_____	_____
DATE	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

*1) Recommendation from
Gun Club President/CEO

* 2) Certification in Gun
Handling Course

*3) Certification of Firearm
Examiner

*4) Recommendation of
Officer in Charge

5) Order of Licencing Authority

- *To be completed if applicable*

N.B False Statement given, may lead to disapproval of Licence.

Company includes a firm, a statutory body, and any body of persons corporate or incorporate.

FORM 2
[section (3B)(2)]

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION



1. PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Nationality _____

Occupation _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

2. PARTICULARS OF FIREARM(S) BEING APPLIED FOR:

Rifles/Pistol/Shotgun/Others _____

Make and Caliber _____

Serial No. and Mark (*if available*) _____

3. TYPE OF LICENCE BEING APPLIED FOR:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| (a) Special Protection Licence | (f) Shooting Club Licence |
| (b) Gun Repair Licence | (g) Firearm Safety Instructor Licence |
| (c) Sport Hunter Licence | (h) Heirloom Firearm Licence |
| (d) Farmer Gun Licence | (i) Company Gun Licence |
| (e) Shooting Range Licence | |

4. FIREARM TO BE BOUGHT/IMPORTED FROM: _____

5. LIST ALL FIREARMS PREVIOUSLY LICENCED

Type _____	Type _____	Type _____
Make _____	Make _____	Make _____
Caliber _____	Caliber _____	Caliber _____
Licence No. _____	Licence No. _____	Licence No. _____

Place Issued _____

Place Issued _____

Place Issued _____

Category _____

Category _____

Category _____

6. DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE HANDLING FIREARMS? LIST EXPERIENCE IF ANY _____

7. WHAT TYPE OF SECURITY DO YOU HAVE FOR THE STORAGE OF YOUR FIREARM _____

8. DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the particulars stated above are a full and true statement to the best of my knowledge.

DATE

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

*1) Recommendation from
Gun Club President/CEO

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Handling Course

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- *To be completed if applicable*

N.B False Statement given, may lead to disapproval of Licence.

Company includes a firm, a statutory body, and any body of persons corporate or incorporate.

FORM 3

FIREARMS ACT

[section 10]

REGISTER OF FIREARMS LICENCES

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Number</i>
<i>Receipt No.</i>			
and date,		Of Licence	Of firearm
Year 20.....			

FORM 4

FIREARMS ACT

[section 20A(4)]

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF BULLET PROOF VEST

Certificate No. _____ District _____

Name _____ of _____

(Address)

having paid the sum of _____ is hereby registered under the Firearms Act,

to Purchase ☐Own ☐ the following bullet proof vest:*(Description and quantity of bullet proof vest)**(Description and quantity of bullet proof vest)*

and declared that the bullet proof vest will be used by the following persons:

(Full name and address of persons who will be using bullet proof vest if applicable)

DATED this _____ day of _____ 20

Commissioner of Police

SCHEDULE II³*[section 3]***FIREARMS FOR WHICH A GUN LICENCE MAY BE GRANTED**

TYPE OF GUN		TYPE OF FIREARMS	CAPACITY OF FIREARM	CALIBER OF FIREARM
(a)	Special protection	RIFLES: Single pump action or bolt action SHOTGUNS: Single action, pump, bolt or smooth bore with minimum barrel length of 18 inches HANDGUNS:	410 12 Gauge 16 Gauge 20 Gauge	.22 inches .223 inches 9 mm .38 inches .22 inches .25inches .32 inches

³ This Schedule was inserted by Act No. 35 of 2010 and amended by Statutory Instrument No. 25 of 2011.

(b)	Gun Repair	The repair of all firearms which are not prohibited including the sale of parts for repair of firearm.
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(c)	Sport Hunters	RIFLES: single pump action or bolt action SHOTGUNS: Single action, pump, bolt or smooth bore with minimum barrel length of 18 inches	410 12 Gauge 16 Gauge 20 Gauge	.22 inches .223inches
(d)	Farmers Gun	RIFLES:		.22 inches .223inches
		SHOTGUNS: Single action, pumps, bolt or smooth bore with minimum barrel length of 18 inches	12 Gauge 16 Gauge 20 Gauge	

(e)	Company Gun	RIFLES: -Single action, -pump or bolt action SHOTGUNS: Single action, pumps, bolt or smooth bore with minimum barrel length of 18 inches Shotguns with barrel length of any size HANDGUN:	410 12 Gauge 16 Gauge 20 Gauge	.22 inches .223inches .9 mm .38 inches .22 inches .25inches .32 inches
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SCHEDULE III⁴

FIREARMS ACT

Prohibited Firearms

*[section 35]***RIFLES**

1. Rifles of a calibre of 7.62 mm or greater.
- 1A. Rifles of a calibre of 0.30 inch or greater.
2. All Assault Rifles.
3. Machine Guns of any calibre.
4. Rifles designed or adapted to have bayonet affixed.
5. Sawed-off Rifles of any type.
6. Rifle that is a replica of or designed for security forces in Belize.

SHOT GUNS

- S.I. 25 of 2011.
7. Shot guns of barrel length 18 inches or under.
 8. Rifled shot guns.

HAND GUNS

9. Hands Guns of calibre greater than 9 mm or 0.38 inch.

⁴*This Schedule was substituted by Statutory Instrument No. 70 of 2008 and amended by Statutory Instrument No. 90 of 2008, Act No. 35 of 2010 and Statutory Instrument No.25 of 2011.*

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10. All firearms chambered for Magnum Cartridges, except for .22 inch or 5.6 mm.
 11. Home made firearm of any type or caliber.
 12. 22 pen guns. S.I. 25 of 2011.
 13. Any altered handgun to make it semi or fully automatic.

OTHERS

14. All types of Firearm Sound Suppressors.
15. *Deleted.* 5 of 2018.
16. *Deleted.* S.I. 25 of 2011.
17. Any armour-piercing ammunition of any caliber.
18. Any equipment, material or accessories to be used in recharging of any expended ammunition or light weapon casing.
19. Hand Grenades. 90 of 2008.
20. Hand Grenade Launchers. 90 of 2008.
21. Any explosive device or material. 90 of 2008.
22. Any home-made firearm. 5 of 2018.