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**RENEWAL OF FIREARMS LICENCES IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF THE  
FIREARMS CONTROL ACT, 2000 (ACT 60 OF 2000)**


- A-G.1. Circular 27/5/2/1 of the Acting Divisional Commissioner: Visible Policing dated 21 August 2015, has reference.
- 2. The aim of this letter is to provide further clarity regarding the renewal of firearm licences.

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3. Section 24 provides that: **“The holder of a licence issued in terms of this Chapter who wishes to renew the licence must at least 90 days before the date of expiry of the licence apply to the Registrar for its renewal”**
4. Applications for renewal of firearm licences must be lodged at least 90 days before the expiry of the licence. Applications for renewal may, however be considered if the application is lodged in less than 90 days, in which case reasons for the late application must be provided on the application form.
5. Licences for which renewal applications have been lodged as per paragraph 4 above will remain valid until the application has been decided upon.
6. The above scenario applies only to persons who possess licences issued under the Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act 60 of 2000).
7. In terms of the Interim Court Order in the SA Hunters matter, the “Green Licences” issued under the Arms and Ammunition Act, 1969 (Act 75 of 1969) remains valid. This Order covers persons who at no stage migrated to the current Act of 2000. In the event such persons would like to apply for a licence under the Firearm Control Act, 2000, their applications must be dealt with as new applications and the person would remain in lawful possession of the relevant firearm under the “Green Licence” until the application has been decided upon.
8. In the case where a person want to renew or apply for a licence, but the validity of the licence has already expired, the person must be informed that he/she is not anymore in lawful possession of the firearm and that the firearm must be surrendered to the nearest police station.
9. When a firearm in respect of which the licence has expired is voluntarily surrendered, the owner will not be prosecuted.
10. The contents of this directive must be brought to the attention of all DFO’s for compliance.

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H-I.1. For your information.

  
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