

*Statutory Instrument No. 90 of 1981*

**ARMS AND AMMUNITION ACT, 1979**  
(20 of 1979)

**ARMS AND AMMUNITION REGULATIONS, 1981**  
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**FIRST SCHEDULE**

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Minister of the Public Service and Information by section 30 of the Arms and Ammunition Act, 1979, the following Regulations are hereby made —

**PART I Preliminary**

Citation and commencement  
1. These Regulations may be cited as the Arms and Ammunition Regulations, 1981, and shall come into operation on 31st December, 1981.

Appointment of licensing officers  
2. The Commissioner shall, by notice published in the Gazette, appoint licensing officers for the purposes of the Act.

Determination of quota of arms and ammunition to be imported in a year  
3. The Minister shall, at the beginning of each year, determine the quota of arms and ammunition which may be imported into Botswana.

Guide lines for consideration of application by Board  
4. In dealing with applications for permits to acquire arms the Board

(a) shall in the case of an individual, give preference to an applicant who is not a registered owner of the type of arms applied for and who requires them for his personal use for the purpose of hunting, protecting his stock, farming enterprise or other similar undertaking; or

(b) may, in the case of a wholesale or retail arms dealer, in its discretion deal with the application in such a manner as to ensure an equitable distribution of arms and ammunition for sale throughout Botswana.

Duty of officer in charge of Central Arms Registry  
5. On receipt of an application for a permit to acquire arms forwarded to him in accordance with the provisions of regulation 6 the officer in charge of the Central Arms Registry shall submit the application, together with the recommendation of the licensing officer, to the Board.

**PART II Permit to acquire or export arms and ammunition**

Application for permit to acquire arms and ammunition  
6. (1) An application for a permit to acquire arms or import ammunition may be made by a registered wholesale or a retail arms dealer for the purpose of sale or by an individual for his personal use.

(2) An application under subregulation (1) shall be made by the applicant in person, on Form 1 in the First Schedule in respect of arms and on Form 2 in the First Schedule in respect of ammunition to a licensing officer of the district in which the applicant carries on business or normally resides:

Provided that where the applicant is a company or a partnership the application shall be made by the secretary of the company or a partner in the firm of the partnership.

(3) On receipt of an application to acquire arms under this regulation a licensing officer shall, as soon as practicable, forward the application, together with his recommendation thereon, to the Central Arms Registry:

Provided that, where the applicant is an individual, a licensing officer shall not recommend the issue of a permit unless he has personally interviewed the applicant and is satisfied that —

(i) the applicant –

- (a) has good reason for acquiring the arms;
- (b) is of sound mind, temperate habits and of good character without any serious criminal conviction, and would use the arms applied for without danger to the public safety or peace; and
- (c) is not less than 18 years of age; and

(ii) the issue of a permit would not be contrary to the provisions of the Act or of these Regulations.

(4) In respect of an application by an individual for a permit to import ammunition only, a licensing officer may require production of the arms for which the ammunition is required together with the registration certificate relating thereto and shall issue the permit in Form 3 set out in the First Schedule if he is satisfied that –

- (a) the applicant is in possession of arms licence for the arms in question;
- (b) the arms in respect of which the application is made are in good working order;
- (c) the ammunition to be imported is of the type and calibre specified in the registration certificate; and
- (d) the issue of a permit would not contravene any limitation placed on the applicant's right to hold ammunition in terms of his registration certificate or of these Regulations.

(5) Where an applicant for a permit to acquire arms or ammunition is a dealer in arms, the licensing officer shall not recommend the issue of a permit unless he is satisfied that, in respect of any item applied for, the balance held in stock by the applicant is not excessive.

7. (1) A permit, in Form 4 set out in the First Schedule, applied for under regulation 6 may be issued by the Board, subject to the provisions of subregulation (2), through the Central Arms Registry and the licensing officer to whom the application was made. Issue of permit

(2) Where the Board approves the issue of a permit to a person who is not a citizen of Botswana, it shall specify that the arms for which the permit is issued shall not be disposed of within Botswana and the registration certificate issued in connexion therewith shall be endorsed accordingly.

(3) A permit shall –

- (a) not be transferable;
- (b) be valid for 12 months from the date of issued; and
- (c) be surrendered to a licensing officer immediately following the acquisition of the arms and ammunition to which it relates.

8. (1) An application for a temporary permit under section 7 of the Act shall be made, – Temporary Permit

- (a) in the case of a person who is a citizen or a resident of Botswana, to the licensing officer in the district in which the applicant carries on business or normally resides, on Form 5 in the First Schedule and on payment of the fee set out in the Second Schedule; and
- (b) in the case of a person who is not a citizen or a resident of Botswana, to the Commissioner on Form 6 in the First Schedule and on payment of the fee set out in the Second Schedule.

(2) A permit in Form 7 set out in the First Schedule may be issued to a person who is a citizen or a resident of Botswana for the purpose of possessing arms and ammunition therefor as specified in the permit:

Provided that a permit under this section shall not be granted to any person in respect of any arms or ammunition unless the licensing officer is satisfied that such person would, on application, be granted arms licence in respect of such arms or ammunition.

(3) A permit issued under subregulation (2) shall be valid for up to twelve months.

(4) A temporary permit, in Form 8 set out in the First Schedule, issued under this regulation shall be –

(a) restricted to a person who is not a citizen or a resident of Botswana and who, in the opinion of the Commissioner, has valid reason for being in possession of arms or ammunition to which the application relates;

(b) valid for a period not exceeding 30 days and, before the expiration thereof, subject to the removal from Botswana of the arms and ammunition to which the permit relates; and

(c) subject to any other condition the Commissioner may, in a particular case, determine.

(5) The holder of a temporary permit under this regulation shall not be required –

(a) to register or licence, in terms of the Act or of these Regulations, the arms or ammunition to which the permit relates; or

(b) in the case of a person who is not a citizen or resident of Botswana hold an export permit to remove the arms or ammunition from Botswana.

Export  
Permit

9. (1) An application for an export permit under section 8 of the Act shall be made, on Form 9 set out in the First Schedule to a licensing officer in the district in which the applicant carries on business or normally resides.

(2) An export permit applied for under subregulation (1) shall be issued, in Form 10 set out in the First Schedule, by the licensing officer in the district in which the applicant carries on business or normally resides and shall be valid for 6 months from the date of issue.

### PART III *Registration of arms and ammunition*

Registration  
of arms  
and  
ammunition

10. (1) Where any person other than a dealer in arms acquires any arms in accordance with a permit issued in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations he shall, within 30 days of acquiring such arms, apply, in Form 11 set out in the First Schedule and on payment of the fee set out in the Second Schedule to the licensing officer of the district in which he carries on business or normally resides for the issue of a registration certificate under section 7 of the Act.

(2) On receipt of an application under subregulation (1) a licensing officer shall forward the application, together with his recommendation thereon, to the Central Arms Registry for registration.

(3) The licensing officer may, before forwarding the application to the Central Arms Registry, require the applicant to produce for inspection, the arms in respect of which the application has been made.

11. A registration certificate applied for under regulation 10 shall be issued, in Form 12 set out in the First Schedule, by the officer in charge of the Central Arms Registry through the licensing officer to whom the application was made. Issue of registration certificate

12. Any person to whom a registration certificate has been issued under regulation 11 shall not — Additional conditions relating to issue of registration certificate

- (a) transfer possession of the certificate;
- (b) wilfully destroy, deface or alter the certificate;
- (c) where he ceases to be the owner of the arms to which it relates or ceases to be subject to the provisions of the Act or of these Regulations, fail to ensure the return of the certificate to a licensing officer;
- (d) acquire or have in his possession ammunition in excess of the limit specified in the certificate;
- (e) permit any person to use or have possession of the arms or ammunition referred to in the certificate except in accordance with the provisions of the Act or of these Regulations;
- or
- (f) fail to report to a licensing officer the loss or destruction of the certificate.

13. (1) Where a licensing officer is satisfied that the holder of a registration certificate is not complying with any condition therein stated he may request the holder to surrender the certificate and seize the arms related thereto. Revocation of registration certificate

(2) A licensing officer who takes action under subregulation (1) shall forthwith in writing report the facts of the matter, through the Central Arms Registry, to the Commissioner, who on the authority of the Minister, may cancel the registration certificate in question and dispose of the arms related thereto in such manner as the Minister may determine.

#### PART IV *Licensing and registration of arms dealers*

14. (1) An application for arms dealer's licence under section 14 of the Act shall be made to the Commissioner in Form 13 set out in the First Schedule and on payment of the fee set out in the Second Schedule. Application for arms dealer's licence

(2) Arms dealer's licence may be issued to —

- (a) an owner or his agent of a business undertaking established or to be established solely for the purposes of dealing in arms and ammunition; or
- (b) a person or his agent who is the owner of a general business undertaking.

(3) A licence shall not be issued under this regulation unless the application relates to specified fixed premises and the Commissioner is satisfied that —

- (a) the issue of a licence would be in the public interest generally;
- (b) the applicant —
  - (i) is a citizen or resident of Botswana;
  - (ii) is a fit and proper person to carry on the business of arms dealer and is at least 21 years of age;

- (iii) has no serious criminal conviction and has not been convicted of an offence involving violence or against the public order or peace;
- (c) the premises to which the application for a licence relates –
  - (i) are suitable for the purpose of dealing in arms and ammunition and comply with the town planning scheme; and
  - (ii) provides adequate security for stock-in-trade; and
- (d) the carrying on of the business would not be a danger or a nuisance to persons resident thereto or to surrounding property or to the public generally.

Issue of  
arms dealer's  
licence

15. (1) Subject to the recommendation of the Commissioner, the Minister may authorize the issue, in Form 14 set out in the First Schedule, of arms dealer's licence, and the Commissioner shall issue the licence.

(2) A licence issued under this regulation shall –

- (a) be valid for a period of 3 years from the date of issue;
- (b) not be valid for more than one place of business;

and shall permit the person named therein to carry on the business of a dealer in arms at the premises specified therein.

(3) On or before the date of expiry of arms dealer's licence the holder thereof may apply to the Commissioner for a renewal of his licence and, subject to the provisions of the Act and of these Regulations, such renewal shall be effected.

(4) Where a person to whom a licence has been issued under this regulation fails to apply for a renewal thereof within 30 days of the date of its expiry, the Commissioner shall cause to be removed from the register of dealers the name of that person.

(5) Where the Commissioner causes the name of a dealer in arms to be removed from the register he shall, by notice in writing, require the dealer to dispose of his stock in trade within 21 days from the date of the notice:

Provided that –

- (i) where an appeal is brought against the removal, this sub-regulation shall not apply unless the appeal is abandoned or dismissed and, in such case, shall have effect from the date the appeal was abandoned;
- (ii) for the purpose of disposing of his stock in hand, a dealer shall be deemed to be registered until the expiration of the 21 days referred to.

(6) A dealer whose name has been removed from the register and whose appeal against such removal is unsuccessful shall not, unless the Minister otherwise determines, again be issued with arms dealer's licence.

Wholesale  
or retail  
arms dealer

16. (1) The issue of arms dealer's licence in terms of these Regulations shall be for the purpose of wholesale or retail trade.

(2) The number of arms dealer's licences issued shall be equitable with the likely volume of trade in any particular district.

Register of  
arms dealers

17. (1) A register of arms dealers shall be kept at the Central Arms Registry, in accordance with section 16 of the Act, and the Commissioner shall cause to be entered therein the name of any person who, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, has been issued with arms dealer's licence.

(2) The Commissioner shall cause the name of any person to be removed from the register –

- (a) at the request of that person;
- (b) if, after giving reasonable notice in writing to a person to show otherwise, he is satisfied that that person is no longer carrying on business as arms dealer at the registered place of business; or
- (c) where he has reasonable cause to believe that that person cannot be permitted to continue to carry on business as a dealer in arms without danger to the public safety or peace or for other reasonable cause.

18. The registers required to be kept by arms dealers in accordance with section 18 of the Act shall be –

- (a) in the case of arms, in Form 15 of the Schedule; and
- (b) in the case of ammunition, in Form 16 of the Schedule.

Registers of transactions in arms and ammunition

#### PART V Arms licences

19. An application for the issue of arms licence under section 9 of the Act shall be made by the applicant in Form 17 set out in the First Schedule and on payment of the fee set out in the Second Schedule to a licensing officer of the district in which the applicant carries on business or normally resides, and, at the same time he shall, if requested by the licensing officer, produce to such officer the arms to be licensed together with the registration certificate relating thereto.

Application for arms licence

20. (1) Arms licence applied for under regulation 19 shall be issued, in Form 18 set out in the First Schedule, by the licensing officer unless he has reason to believe that the applicant –

Issue of arms licence

- (a) is prohibited by the Act or these Regulations from possessing arms; or
- (b) cannot be permitted to possess arms without danger to the public safety or peace.

(2) A licensing officer who refuses an application under subregulation (1) shall in writing give reasons therefor to the applicant and shall forthwith report the facts of the matter to the Commissioner who, on the authority of the Minister, may cancel the application and dispose of the arms related thereto in such manner as the Minister may determine.

(3) A licence issued under this regulation shall be valid up to 31st December of the year of issue.

21. (1) Any person carrying on business as a dealer in arms or agent or servant of such person may, without holding arms licence, acquire or have in his possession arms or ammunition in the ordinary course of that business.

Exemption from holding arms licence

(2) Any person may, without himself holding arms licence, have in his possession arms or ammunition belonging to a holder of arms licence –

- (a) if he is a *bona fide* employee of the holder of arms licence and is in possession of the arms or ammunition under the instructions of the holder of the arms licence;
- (b) if he is a member of the family of the holder of arms licence and is residing with him or is a *bona fide* household guest of the holder of the arms licence;
- (c) if he is a member of a rifle club approved by the Commissioner for the purpose of target practice or drill organized by the club; or

- Cap. 38:01
- (d) if he is a *bona fide* client of the holder of the arms licence and such a person is a professional hunter licensed in terms of the Fauna Conservation Act;
  - (e) a person carrying on the business of an approved armourer or a servant of such person may, without holding arms licence, have in his possession such number of arms or rounds of ammunition as may be approved by the Minister;
  - (f) for the purposes of subregulation (e), an “approved armourer” means a person who with the approval of the Minister carries on the business of repairing, testing or proving arms.
- Certificate of exemption
22. An application may be made by the owner of arms which by reason of age or wear and tear are incapable of being fired without substantial repairs being made thereto, to a licensing officer of the district in which the applicant normally resides on Form 19 set out in the First Schedule for the issue of a certificate of exemption which shall be in Form 20 set out in the First Schedule.

#### PART VI *General*

- Licence to reload ammunition
23. The Commissioner may, –
- (a) on payment of the fee set out in the Second Schedule, authorize the issue to any person of a reloading licence, in Form 21 set out in the First Schedule, and may determine the duration of such licence; and
  - (b) at any time, by notice in writing, cancel a reloading licence.
- Arms and ammunition forfeited to State
24. Where arms or ammunition declared forfeit to the State is authorized to be sold, such sale shall, –
- (a) in the case of a purchaser of any such arms being a citizen or a resident of Botswana, be subject to his holding a permit to acquire such arms;
  - (b) in the case of a purchaser of any such ammunition being a citizen or a resident of Botswana, be subject to his having in his possession arms registration certificate and the ammunition is of the type and calibre specified in the registration certificate;
- or
- (c) in case of a purchaser who is not a citizen or a resident of Botswana, be subject to his holding an export permit.
- Revocation of  
Cap. 24:01  
(Sub. Leg.)
25. The Arms and Ammunition Regulations are hereby revoked.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Form No. 1

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

ARMS AND AMMUNITION ACT, 1979  
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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ACQUIRE FIREARM

(reg. 6 (2))

*(To be submitted to the Licensing Officer in duplicate)*

1. Surname .....

2. Other Names .....

3. Residential Address .....

4. Age . . . . . 5. Nationality .....

6. Occupation .....

7. Other personal information where appropriate:

Employer's name and address .....

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Village..... Ward .....

Headman .. District .....

Town .. Street.....

Plot No..... Residence Permit No.....

8. Arm for which permit is required:

Type .. Calibre .....

Maker's name and identification number (if known) .....

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Registration Certificate Number (if already registered) .....

9. Reasons for requiring arm, (if for stock protection, state number of stock, ranches and boreholes owned).

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10. Name and address of person/dealer from whom it is intended to acquire the arm.

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11. Arms possessed at date of application:

<i>Arms Certificate No</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Calibre</i>	<i>Identification No.</i>
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12. I hereby apply for a permit to acquire the arm specified in paragraph 8 and I declare that the statements made above are true and complete in all respects.

Date .....  
*Signature or Right Thumb Print*

Place .....  
NOTE: The applicant should forward this form when completed to the Licensing Officer for the District in which he resides for onward transmission to the Central Arms Registry.

Notes by Licensing Officer:

The application is recommended/not recommended (state reasons where necessary)

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Date Stamp: .....  
*Signature of Licensing Officer*

NOTE: A separate complete application form is required in respect of each arm which it is desired to acquire. The Licensing Officer will forward the complete application form to the Officer-in-charge, Central Arms Registry, P. O. Box 344, Gaborone.

For use by Central Arms Registry only.

Permit No. .... Date .....

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO IMPORT AMMUNITION (RESIDENT)

(To be submitted to the Licensing Officer in duplicate)

(reg. 6 (2))

1. Surname .....

2. Other names .....

3. Residential Address .....

4. Arm for which ammunition is required

Type .....

Calibre .....

Registration Certificate No .....

5. Quantity of ammunition required ..... rounds

6. Name and address of person/dealer from whom it is intended to import the ammunition:

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7. I hereby apply for a permit to import the ammunition specified in paragraphs 4 and 5 and I declare that the statements made are true and correct in all respects.

Date ..... Signature or Right Thumb Print .....

Place .....

NOTE: The applicant should forward this form when completed to the Licensing Officer for the District in which he resides, with the Registration Certificate and Arms Licence of the arm for which the ammunition is required.

Notes by Licensing Officer:

Approved/not approved (reasons where necessary)

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Date Stamp: .....

Signature of Licensing Officer

Import Permit No. .... Date .....

Form No. 3

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

ARMS AND AMMUNITION ACT, 1979  
(20 of 1979)

PERMIT TO IMPORT AMMUNITION (RESIDENT)

(reg. 6 (4))

*N.B. This permit is not an Arm Certificate.*

Permission is hereby granted to .....  
of .....  
to import the undermentioned ammunition from: .....

Ammunition: Quantity, type, calibre, etc: .....

This permit is valid for 12 months from the date of issue.

Date: .....

Date Stamp: .....  
*Licensing Officer*

Place: .....

Form No. 4

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA  
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ACQUISITION PERMIT

(reg. 7 (1))

*N.B. This permit is not a Registration Certificate*

Permission is hereby granted to .....  
of .....  
(Address)

to acquire the undermentioned arm/s from .....

Arms: (Quantity, type, calibre) .....

This permit is valid for 12 months only from the date of issue and is subject to the following special conditions:

- (i) it is not transferable;
- (ii) it should be surrendered to the Licensing Officer immediately following the acquisition of the arm/s;
- (iii) (any additional conditions) .....

Date Stamp .....

Secretary: Arms Quota Board

Place .....

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

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APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT TO POSSESS ARMS OR AMMUNITION (RESIDENT)  
(To be made to Licensing Officer in duplicate)

- 1. Surname .....
- 2. Other names .....
- 3. Residential Address .....
- 4. Age. .... 5. Nationality .....
- 6. Occupation: .....
- 7. Other personal information, where appropriate:  
Employer's name and address .....
- Village ..... Ward .....
- Headman ..... District .....
- Town ..... Street .....
- Plot No. .... Residence Permit No. ....
- 8. Arm for which permit is required:  
Registered owner of arm .....
- Type ..... Calibre .....
- Maker's name and identification number .....
- Registration Certificate No. ....
- 9. Ammunition required: No. of rounds ..... Calibre .....
- 10. Reasons for requiring temporary possession of arm .....
- 11. Period for which arm is required .....
- 12. I hereby apply for a temporary permit to possess the arm and ammunition specified in paragraphs 8 and 9 and I declare that the statements made above are true and complete in all respects.

Date .....  
Signature or Right Thumb Print .....

Notes by Licensing Officer

Fee paid P ..... O.R. No. ....  
Approved/not approved (Reasons where necessary) .....

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Date Stamp: .....

.....  
*Signature of Licensing Officer*

Temporary Permit to possess No. ....

Date .....

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APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY IMPORT PERMIT (NON-RESIDENT) (reg. 8 (1)(b))  
(To be submitted in triplicate to the Commissioner of Police)

- 1. Surname.....
- 2. Other names.....
- 3. Postal address.....
- 4. Age ..... 5. Nationality.....
- Passport No.....
- 6. Occupation.....
- 7. Village/Town..... Plot No.....
- Street..... District.....
- 8. Particulars of arm for which temporary permit is required:  
    Type..... Calibre..... Serial No.....  
    Manufacturer's name.....  
    No. of rounds.....
- 9. Reasons for requiring arm specified in paragraph 8 (in case of hunting, quote licence number and its place of issue)  
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.....
- 10. From which country it is intended to import.....
- 11. I hereby apply for a temporary permit to import the arms specified in paragraph 8, and I declare that the statements made above are true and complete in all respects.

Date.....  
Place.....

*Signature*

Fee paid P..... O.R. No.....

Date Stamp:  
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*Signature of Licensing Officer*

Commissioner's decision.....  
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Date Stamp:  
.....  
*Signature of Commissioner of Police*

Import Permit No..... Dated.....

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TEMPORARY PERMIT TO POSSESS ARMS OR AMMUNITION (RESIDENT) (reg. 8 (2))

Permit No. ....

*Note -- This is not an Arm Certificate.*

Permission is hereby granted to .....

of ..... to have in his possession the following arm:

Arm:

Registered owner of arm .....

Type of Arm .....

Calibre of Arm ..... Number of Arm ..... Arm Certificate No. ....

Name(s) and address(es) inscribed on metal of arm .....

and to have in his possession the following ammunition therefor --

Ammunition:

<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Calibre</i>
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.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

until the ..... or until the same have been returned to its owner (whichever be the earlier) subject to the following special conditions:

1. This permit is not transferable.
2. ....
3. ....

N.B. The attention of the holder is drawn to the following provisions of the law:

1. The arm and ammunition to which this permit relates shall at all times when not in actual use be kept in secure place to ensure that it is not available to unauthorised persons.
2. The loss, theft or destruction of the arm or ammunition to which this permit relates shall be reported to the police officer in charge of the nearest police station as soon as possible thereafter.

Date .....

*Signature*

Place ..... Office held .....

Form No. 8

**REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA**  
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*(20 of 1979)*  
**TEMPORARY IMPORT/EXPORT PERMIT (NON-RESIDENT)**

(reg. 9 (2))

Permission is hereby granted to .....

of .....

to import the undermentioned arms and ammunition into Botswana for the purpose of .....

.....

and to export from Botswana such arms and ammunition referred to below as may be unexpended on or before

the .....

for which export this form shall be a permit.

Arm(s): (Quantity, type, calibre, serial numbers) etc. ....

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Ammunition (Quantity, type, calibre, etc.) .....

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This permit is subject to the following specific conditions:

1. ....
2. ....

Date Stamp:

Place .....

*Signature of Licensing Officer*

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APPLICATION FOR EXPORT PERMIT  
(To be submitted in duplicate to the Licensing Officer)

(reg. 9 (1))

1. Surname .....

2. Other names .....

3. Postal Address .....

4. Arm(s)/Ammunition for which export permit is required:

Arm(s): Type ..... Calibre ..... Serial No. .... Reg. Cert. No. ....

Maker's name .....

Ammunition: Type ..... Calibre ..... Quantity .....

5. Reasons for requiring the exportation of arm(s)/ammunition specified at paragraph 4:

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.....  
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6. Town and country to which exported .....

7. I hereby apply for a permit to export arm(s)/ammunition specified at paragraph 5 and I declare that the statements made above are true and complete in all respects.

Date .....

*Signature or Right Thumb Print*

Place .....

Note: The applicant should forward this form when completed to the Licensing Officer for the District in which he resides with the Registration Certificate.

Date Stamp:

.....  
*Signature of Licensing Officer*

Export Permit No. .... Dated .....

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**EXPOR PERMIT**

(reg. 9 (2))

Permission is hereby granted to .....  
of .....  
to export the undermentioned arm(s)/ammunition from Botswana for the purpose of .....

Arm(s): (Quantity, type, calibre, Serial No.)

Registration  
Certificate

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This permit is valid for six months from date of issue and is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. ....
- 2. ....

Date Stamp:

Place .....

*Signature of Licensing Officer*

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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

(reg. 10 (1))

(To be submitted in duplicate to Licensing Officer)

- 1. Surname.....
- 2. Other names.....
- 3. Residential Address.....
- 4. Arm for which Certificate is required: Type..... Calibre..... Serial No.....  
 Maker's name.....  
 Acquisition Permit No.....  
 Registration Certificate No. (if already registered). RB.....
- 5. I hereby apply for a Registration Certificate in respect of the arm specified in paragraph 4 above, and I declare that the statements made above are true and complete in all respects.

Date.....  
*Signature or Right Thumb Print*

- 6. NOTE:
  - (1) A separate completed application form is required in respect of each arm for which a Registration Certificate is required.
  - (2) If the arm has been purchased or acquired from a person who has already registered the arm, the previous owner's Registration Certificate must be attached to this application.
  - (3) The Licensing Officer will forward the completed application form to the Officer-in-charge, Central Arms Registry, P.O. Box 344, Gaborone.
  - (4) Type of arm, state whether rifle, S/B or DB/shotgun, revolver, automatic or semi-automatic pistol etc.
- 7. Notes by Licensing Officer.  
 The application is recommended/not recommended. (State reasons).....

NOTE:  
Applicant has paid the appropriate fee at.....

O.R. No..... Dated.....

Date Stamp:

.....  
*Signature*

- 8. For use by Central Arms Registry only.  
 Registration Certificate No.....  
 Date.....

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REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE NO. RB.....

This certificate is granted to .....  
of .....  
and relates to the arm and ammunition specified hereunder:

1. Arm: Details of arm authorized to be owned, purchased, acquired or possessed by virtue of this certificate,  
Type..... Calibre..... Serial No.....  
Manufacturer's name and address (if inscribed on arm).....

2. Ammunition:  
Maximum amount of ammunition suitable for the above arm to be possessed at any one time.....  
Maximum amount of ammunition suitable for the above arm to be acquired in any one calendar year.....

.....  
This certificate shall be in force during the period specified in the Arms Licence attached hereto unless revoked or cancelled.

NOTE:

- 1. This certificate is not transferable and must be surrendered to the nearest licensing officer when the arm and ammunition to which it relates is transferred, lost, stolen, destroyed or exported from Botswana otherwise than in terms of an export permit so endorsed as to permit the re-importation.
- 2. The arm and ammunition to which this certificate relates shall at all times not in actual use be kept in a secure place to ensure that it is not available to unauthorized persons.
- 3. The loss, theft or destruction of the arm or ammunition to which this certificate relates shall be reported to the Police Officer in charge of the nearest Police Station as soon as possible thereafter.

This certificate is not valid until the person to whom it is issued has completed the following section.

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*Usual Signature or Right Thumb Print of holder*

Date.....  
*Signature of Officer-in-charge*  
*Central Arms Registry*

Place.....

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APPLICATION FOR ARMS/AMMUNITION DEALER'S LICENCE OR ITS RENEWAL

(reg. 14)

(To be submitted to the Commissioner of Police in triplicate)

1. I, .....  
(Full names in block letters)

of .....

aged ..... hereby apply for an arms/ammunition dealer's licence or renewal of licence at .....

in the District of .....

2. I am the sole owner/agent of the business.

3. Name and address of business .....

Whether a wholesale or retail business .....

Date .....

Signature

Fee paid: P. .... O.R. No. ....

4. Commissioner of Police's remarks .....

Date Stamp: .....

Commissioner of Police

The Minister's decision .....

Date Stamp: .....

Signature

Arms/Ammunition Dealer's Licence No. ....

Date .....

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ARMS/AMMUNITION DEALER'S LICENCE

(reg. 15)

Dealer's Registration No. ....

This is to certify that Mr/Mrs/Miss .....

of ..... carrying on business of. ....

at ..... under the name of.....

has been registered in the District of.....  
to deal in Arms and Ammunition.

This licence is valid for three years and will expire on .....

Date Stamp: .....

*Commissioner of Police*





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APPLICATION FOR ARMS LICENCE

(reg. 19)

*(To be submitted in duplicate to the Licensing Officer)*

Application for Arms Licence to the Licensing Officer at .....

I, .....  
*(Full names, underline surname)*

of .....  
*(Postal address)*

holder of Registration Certificate No. .... hereby apply for an Arms Licence/Renewal for the year  
19.....

Date Stamp: .....  
*Signature*

Fee paid: P. .... O.R. No. ....  
Licensing Officer's comments:

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.....

Date Stamp: .....  
*Signature of Licensing Officer*

Arms Licence No. .... Dated .....

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ARM LICENCE

(reg. 20)

*N.B. This Licence is valid only while affixed to the Registration Certificate to which it relates.*

Arm Registration No. ....

Issued to (Name). ....

of. ....

is in force during the period ending on 31st December, 19.....

Date Stamp:

.....  
*Signature of Licensing Officer*

NOTE: When a Registered Arms Dealer sells or transfers ammunition to any person who produces a registration certificate authorising him to purchase or acquire the same, Dealer shall forthwith enter the particulars concerning the transaction as given in the endorsement at the reverse of this licence. When a licensing officer issues an import permit for ammunition he shall enter the particulars thereof on the reverse of this licence.  
Note as above, with endorsement printed on reverse.

ENDORSEMENT

<i>Name of registered Arms Dealer or Import Permit No.</i>	<i>Date of sale of issue of Import Permit</i>	<i>Calibre</i>	<i>No. of rounds</i>	<i>Signature of dealer or Licensing Officer</i>

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APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION

(reg. 22)

(To be made to the Licensing Officer in duplicate)

1. Surname .....

2. Other names .....

3. Residential Address .....

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4. Age ..... 5. Nationality .....

6. Arm for which certificate is required:

Type ..... Calibre ..... Number .....

Manufacturer's name .....

Registration Certificate No. (if already registered) .....

.....

Registration Certificate, if any, to be attached).

I hereby declare that the arm to which this application relates is, through reason of age/wear and tear, incapable of being fired without substantial repair and apply for a certificate of exemption in respect of such arm accordingly.

The arm to which the application relates must be presented to the Licensing Officer together with this application.

Date .....

*Signature or Right Thumb Print*

Condition of arm on examination and Licensing Officer's opinion: .....

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Place .....

Approved/not approved (Reasons where necessary) .....

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Date Stamp:

.....

*Signature of Licensing Officer*

Exemption Certificate No. .... Dated .....

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EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

(reg. 22)

Certificate of Exemption No. ....

This Certificate is granted to .....

of .....  
and relates to the arm specified hereunder.

Type ..... Calibre ..... Number .....

Manufacturer's name and address .....

.....  
This certificate authorizes the holder to have in his possession the arm specified above without holding a Registration Certificate. If the arm in respect of which this certificate of exemption is issued is repaired so as to make it capable of being fired this certificate shall be deemed to be revoked from the time of such repair.

This certificate is not transferable and must be surrendered to the nearest Licensing Officer when the arm to which it relates is transferred, lost, stolen, destroyed or exported from Botswana otherwise than in terms of an export permit so endorsed as to permit the re-importation of the arm. The loss, theft or destruction of the arm to which this certificate relates must be reported to the Police Officer in charge of the nearest Police Station as soon as possible thereafter.

This certificate is not valid until the person to whom it has been issued has completed the following:

Date .....

*Signature or Right Thumb Print of Holder*

Issued at ..... Date .....

.....  
*Licensing Officer*

Form No. 21

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RELOADING LICENCE

(reg. 23)

1. Name .....

2. Age ..... 3. Residential Address .....

Village ..... Ward .....

Headman ..... District .....

Town ..... Street .....

Plot No. ....

4. Postal Address .....

5. Type of ammunition (and other particulars) for which licence is required.

<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Calibre</i>	<i>Type</i>
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Free paid: P ..... O.R. No. ....

Date Stamp:

.....  
*Signature of Licensing Officer*

**ARMS AND AMMUNITION REGULATIONS**

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

**Fees**

<i>Regulation</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>	<i>Fee</i>
8 (1) (a)	Temporary Permit to possess Arms or Ammunition (Resident)	2,00
8 (1) (b)	Temporary Import/Export Permit (Non-Resident)	10,00
10 (1)	Registration Certificate	5,00
15 (1)	Grant and Renewal of Arms and Ammunition Dealer's Licence	150,00
20	Grant and Renewal of Arms Licence	1,00
23	Reloading Licence	10,00

**MADE** this 3rd day of September, 1981.

**D.K. KWELAGOBE,**  
*Minister of the Public Service and Information.*