

## **Unvalidated References:**

*Firearms Act 1978*

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## **INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.**

### Chapter 310.

#### ***Firearms Regulation 1980***



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### **SCHEDULE 1**

### **SCHEDULE 2 – Fees.**

### ***Firearms Regulation 1980***

MADE under the *Firearms Act 1978*.

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### **1. REGISTERS. .**

- (1) The Register of Firearms shall be in Form 1.
- (2) The Register of Pistol Licences shall be in Form 2.
- (3) The Register of High-powered Firearms Licences shall be in Form 3.
- (4) The Register of Gun Dealers'/Ammunition Dealers' Licences shall be in Form 4.

**2. FIREARM LICENCES.**

A firearm licence shall be in Form 5.

**3. OWNER'S LICENCE.**

An owner's licence shall be in Form 6.

**4. PERMIT TO BUY OR HIRE FIREARM.**

A permit to buy or hire a firearm shall be in Form 7.

**5. PERMIT TO CARRY FIREARM.**

A permit to carry a firearm—

(a) under Section 20 of the Act—shall be in Form 8; and

(b) by an employee under Section 23 of the Act—shall be in Form 9.

**6. PISTOL, ETC., LICENCE.**

A pistol licence or a high-powered firearm licence, or a renewal of either of them, shall be in Form 10.

**7. APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF CLUB.**

An application for approval or renewal of approval of a gun club, rifle club or pistol club shall be in Form 11.

**8. APPROVAL OF CLUB.**

An approval or renewal of approval of a gun club, rifle club or pistol club shall be in Form 12.

**9. APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF FIRING RANGE.**

(1) An application for approval or renewal of approval of a firing range shall be in Form 13.

(2) The application for approval of a firing range shall be accompanied by a map and plan of the range showing the situation and boundaries of the firing range.

**10. APPROVAL OF FIRING RANGE.**

An approval or renewal of approval for a firing range shall be in Form 14.

**11. APPLICATION FOR GUN DEALER'S, ETC., LICENCE.**

(1) An application for a gun dealer's licence or ammunition dealer's licence or a renewal of either of them shall be in Form 15.

(2) The application under Subsection (1) shall be accompanied by a statement of particulars required under Section 39(2) of the Act.

**12. GUN DEALER'S LICENCE.**

A gun dealer's licence shall be in Form 16.

**13. AMMUNITION DEALER'S LICENCE.**

An ammunition dealer's licence shall be in Form 17.

**14. RECORDS, ETC., OF GUN DEALER.**

(1) The holder of a gun dealer's licence shall keep a record of his transactions in Form 18.

(2) At least once in every period of six months, or when the Registrar, in a particular case, directs, the holder of a gun dealer's licence shall forward to the Registrar copies of the entries made in the record kept in accordance with Subsection (1), of which copies have not previously been forwarded in accordance with this section.

**15. RECORDS OF AMMUNITION DEALER.**

The holder of an ammunition dealer's licence shall keep a record of his transactions in Form 19.

**16. DISPOSAL OF FIREARMS, ETC.**

Subject to Section 69 of the Act, where in relation to a firearm, pistol or high-powered firearm—

(a) the Registrar revokes, or refuses to issue or renew a firearm licence, a pistol licence or a high-powered firearm licence; and

(b) an appeal against the revocation or refusal is not pending,

then—

(c) for the purposes of Section 47 of the Act, the person who has possession of the firearm must deliver that firearm to the Registrar within seven days of receipt of the notice of the revocation or refusal; and

(d) for the purposes of Section 48 of the Act, the person who has possession of the pistol or high-powered firearm, as the case may be, must deliver it immediately to a commissioned officer of the Police Force.

Penalty: A fine not exceeding K200.00.

**17. DISPOSAL OF GUN DEALER'S STOCK.**

Subject to Section 69 of the Act, where the Registrar revokes, or refuses to issue or renew a gun dealer's licence, for the purpose of Section 49 of the Act, the person having possession of any firearms held under that licence must—

- (a) dispose of the firearms to a person holding a gun dealer's licence; or
- (b) deliver the firearms to a commissioned officer of the Police Force,

within 28 days of receiving the notice of the revocation of, or refusal to issue or renew, the licence.

Penalty: A fine not exceeding K200.00.

**18. CHANGE OF ADDRESS OF OWNER, ETC.**

For the purpose of Section 63 of the Act, the owner of a firearm registered under the Act—

- (a) who changes his address—must, within 14 days of that change, forward to the Registrar a notice in Form 20; and
- (b) who sells or otherwise disposes of the firearm—must, within 14 days of the sale or disposal, forward to the Registrar a notice in Form 21.

**19. CHANGE OF ADDRESS OF LICENCE HOLDER.**

For the purpose of Section 64 of the Act, the holder of a licence who changes his address must, within 14 days of that change, forward to the Registrar a notice in Form 22.

**20. PERMIT FOR UNLICENSED FIREARM, ETC.**

A permit for possession of a firearm for the purpose of arranging for its disposal under Section 69 of the Act shall be in Form 23.

**21. FEES.**

For the purposes of this Act, the fees are as set out in Schedule 2.

**SCHEDULE 1**



***PAPUA NEW GUINEA.***

***Firearms Act 1978.***

***Form 1 – Register of Firearms.***

Act, Sec. 8. Form 1.Reg., Sec. 1(1).

Owned:  
Name: ...  
Address: ...  
Firearm:  
Make: ... Original Licence No.: ...  
Type: ... Date of issue: ...  
Calibre: ... Renewals: ...  
Serial No.: ...

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***Firearms Act 1978.***

***Form 2 – Register of Pistol Licences.***

Act, Sec. 30(1).

Form 2.

Reg., Sec. 1(2).

Owner: ...  
Name: ...  
Address: ...  
Pistol: ...  
Make: ... Original Licence No.: ...  
Type: ... Date of issue: ...  
Calibre: ... Renewals: ...  
Chambers capacity: ...  
Distinguishing features: ...

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***Form 3 – Register of High-Powered Firearms Licences.***

Act, Sec. 30(2).      Form 3.      Reg., Sec. 1(3).

Owner:  
Name: ...  
Address:  
High-powered firearm: ...  
Make: ... Original Licence No.: ...  
Type: ... Date of issue: ...  
Calibre: ... Renewals: ...  
Serial No.: ...  
Capacity: ...

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***Form 4 – Register of Gun Dealer’s/Ammunition Dealers’ Licences.***

Act, Sec. 40. Form 4.Reg., Sec. 1(4).

Name: . . .  
Address: . . . Original Licence No.: . . .  
Gun dealers' licence/Ammunition dealers' licence \* issued in respect of premises at: . . .  
. . . Date of issue:  
Renewals:  
\*Strike out whichever is inapplicable.



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***Form 5 – Firearm Licence.***

Act, Sec. 9(1).

Form 5Reg., Sec. 2.

(*Name*), ... of ... (*address*) is registered as the owner of the firearm described below until ... 20 ...  
Make: ... Capacity: ...  
Type: ... Area conditions: ...  
Calibre: ...  
Serial No.:  
Dated ... 20 ... Registrar.

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***Form 6 – Owner’s Licence.***

Act, Sec. 10. Form 6.Reg., Sec. 3.

(*Name*), of (*address*) is registered as the owner of the firearm described below until ...  
. 20....  
Make: ... Capacity: ...  
Type: ... Removal from ...(*location*) to ...(*location*)  
Calibre:  
Serial ...No.:  
Conditions: ...  
Dated ..., 20....  
Registrar:

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***Form 7 – Permit to Buy/Hire Firearm.***

Act, Sec. 14(2).

Form 7Reg., Sec. 4.

(*Name*), of (*address*) is authorized to buy/hire\* a rifle/revolver/pistol/high-powered  
firearm\*.

Conditions:

Dated . . . 20 . . . .

Registrar:

\*Strike out whichever is inapplicable.

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***Form 8 – Permit to Carry Firearm.***

Act, Sec. 20(2).

Form 8.

Reg., Sec. 5(a).

(*Name*), of (*address*) is entitled to carry the firearm described below:

Make: . . . .

Type: . . . .

Calibre: . . . .

Serial No: . . . .

Capacity: . . . .

subject to the following conditions:—

Dated . . . ., 20 . . . .

Registrar:



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***Form 9 – Employer’s Permit.***

Act, Sec. 23. Form 9. Reg., Sec. 5(b).

(*Name*), of (*address*) is entitled to entrust the firearm/pistol/high-powered firearm\* described below to (*name of employee*) of (*address*), his employee, subject to the following conditions:—

Make: . . .

Type: . . . .

Calibre: . . . .

Serial No.: . . .

Capacity: . . . Officer-in-Charge,  
Police Station.

\*Strike out whichever is inapplicable.

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***Form 10 – Pistol/High-Powered Firearm Licence.***

Act, Sec. 27. Form 10. Reg., Sec. 6.

(*Name*), of (*address*) is the holder of a pistol/high-powered firearm \* licence in respect of the pistol/high-powered firearm \* described below until . . . 20 . . . , and is entitled to have it in his possession and carry and use it subject to the following conditions:—

Make: . . . . Original Licence No.: . . . .

Type: . . . . Date of issue: . . . .

Calibre: . . . . Renewals: . . . .

Serial No.: . . . .

Capacity: . . . .

Distinguishing features: . . . .

Registrar:

\*Strike out whichever is inapplicable.

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***Form 11 – Application for Grant/Renewals of Approval of Club.***

Act, Sec. 32(2).      Form 11.Reg., Sec. 7.

I, . . . , the Secretary of the . . . Club apply for the grant/renewal \* of approval of the . . . Club for the purposes of the Act.

I enclose—

- (a) a copy of the constitution of the Club; and
- (b) particulars concerning—
  - (i) membership of the Club; and
  - (ii) the firing range used by the Club.

Dated . . . , 20 . . . .

*(Signature of Applicant).*

\*Strike out whichever is inapplicable.

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***Form 12 – Grant/Renewal of Approval of Club.***

Act, Sec. 32(3).

Form 12.Reg., Sec. 8.

The ... Club is approved as a gun/rifle/pistol\* club for the purposes of the Act.  
Approval under this certificate is valid for a period of 12 months.  
Dated ..., 20....  
Registrar.  
\*Strike out whichever is inapplicable.



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***Form 13 – Application for Grant/Renewal of Approval of Firing Range.***

Act, Sec. 33(2).      Form 13.Reg., Sec. 9(1).

I, (*name*), of (*address*), apply for the grant/renewal \* of approval of the ... Firing Range situated at (*address*) and enclose a map and plan of the range.

Dated ... , 20....

(*Signature of Applicant*).

\*Strike out whichever is inapplicable.

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***Form 14 – Grant/Renewal of Approval of Firing Range.***

Act, Sec. 33(3)      Form 14.      Reg., Sec. 10.

The ... Firing Range situated at (*address*) is approved as a firing range for the purposes of the Act.  
Approval under this certificate is valid for a period of 12 months.  
Dated ..., 20....  
Registrar.

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***Form 15 – Application for Grant/Renewal of Gun/Ammunition Dealer’s  
Licence.***

Act, Sec. 39. Form 15. Reg., Sec. 11(1).

I, (*name*), of (*address*) apply for the grant/renewal \* of a gun/ammunition \* dealer's licence in respect of the premises situated at (*address*).

I attach a statement giving particulars required under Section 39(2) of the Act.

Dated . . . , 20 . . . .

(*Signature of Applicant*).

\*Strike out whichever is inapplicable.

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***Form 16 – Gun Dealer’s Licence.***

Act, Sec. 39(3).

Form 16.Reg., Sec. 12.

(*Name*) of (*address*) is licensed to carry on the business of a gun dealer at the premises situated at (*address of premises*) under and subject to the provisions of the Act until 30 June next.  
Dated . . . , 20 . . . .  
Registrar.



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***Form 17 – Ammunition Dealer’s Licence..***

Act, Sec. 39(3).

Form 17.Reg., Sec. 13.

*(Name)* of *(address)* is licensed to carry on the business of an ammunition dealer at *(address of premises)* under and subject to the provisions of the Act until 30 June next.  
Dated . . . , 20 . . . .  
Registrar.

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***Form 18 – Form 18—Record of Transactions of Gun Dealer..***

Act, Sec., 43.

Form 18.Reg., Sec. 14(1).

Name.	Address.	Date of sale.	Particulars of sale.

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***Form 19 – Record of Transactions of Ammunition Dealer..***

Act, Sec. 44. Form 19.Reg., Sec. 15.

Name.	Address.	Date of sale.	Particulars of sale.

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***Form 20 – Notice of Change of Address of Owner of Firearm..***

Act, Sec. 63. Form 20. Reg., Sec. 18(a).

To the Registrar,  
Be advised that on . . . , 20 . . . , I changed my address formerly (*state old address*) to  
(*state new address*).  
Licence No.:  
Dated . . . , 20 . . . .  
(*Signature of Owner*).



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***Form 21 – Notice of Sale or Disposal of Firearm..***

Act, Sec. 63. Form 21. Reg., Sec. 18(b).

To the Registrar,  
Be advised that on . . . , 20 . . . , I sold/disposed \* of the firearm described in Licence  
No. . . . as follows:—  
(*set out particulars of sale/disposal\**)  
Dated . . . , 20 . . . .  
(*Signature*).  
\*Strike out whichever is inapplicable.

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***Form 22 – Notice of Change of Address of Licensee..***

Act, Sec. 64. Form 22. Reg., Sec. 19.

To the Registrar,  
Be advised that on . . . , 20 . . . , I changed my address formerly (*state old address*) to  
(*state new address*)  
Licence No.:  
Dated . . . , 20 . . . .  
(*Signature of Licensee*).

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***Firearms Act 1978.***

***Form 23 – Special Permit..***

Act, Sec. 69. Form 23. Reg., Sec. 20.

Permit issued to *(name)*, of *(address)* in respect of firearm described below:

Make: . . .

Type: . . .

Calibre: . . .

Serial No.: . . .

Capacity: . . .

Distinguishing features: . . .

Dated . . ., 20 . . . . .

Registrar:

**SCHEDULE 2 – FEES.**

<sup>1</sup> Reg. Sec. 21	<b>FEES.</b>	<b>K.</b>
1.	Permit to hire or buy firearms	50.00
2.	Firearm licence or renewal	150.00
3.	Owner's licence or renewal	100.00
4.	Permit to carry firearm	50.00
5.	Pistol licence or renewal	150.00
6.	High-powered firearm or renewal	150.00
7.	Approval of gun club, rifle club or pistol club or renewal	2000.00
8.	Gun dealer's licence or renewal	5000.00
9.	Ammunition dealer's licence or renewal	3000.00
10.	Substitute licence or permit	100.00.

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<sup>1</sup> Schedule 2 replaced by No. 22 of 1982; replaced by *Firearms (Amendment) Regulation 1998* (No 12 of 1998).

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