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**FIREARMS LICENCE ISSUED IN TERMS OF SECTION 6 READ WITH SECTION 21(1) OF
THE FIREARMS CONTROL ACT, 2000 (ACT NO 60 OF 2000): AUTHORISATION TO
POSSESS A FIREARM FOR APPROVED LICENCE (A4 PAPER)**

1. Section 6 of the Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act no 60 of 2000) stipulates that the Registrar may issue any competency certificate, licence, permit or authorisation as contemplated in the Act. Following the decision in the matter of Fidelity Security Service (Pty) Ltd and others v The National Commissioner of SAPS and others, an order was granted to issue temporary authorisations to possess a firearm for approved licence while awaiting printing of the firearm licence card.
2. In view of above, the Central Firearms Register has taken a conscious decision to resolve this issue, following numerous litigious matters against the police as a result of delays in processing of firearm licence applications which had a direct impact on the card printing process.
3. A decision was taken to issue a system generated A4 size paper termed "Authorisation to possess a firearm for approved licences" which serves as proof that the firearm licence application has been approved, but the printing of the licence card is still pending.
4. In this regard, the provisions of section 21(1) of the Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act No 60 of 2000) gives the Registrar a wide discretion to issue a temporary authorisation to any person without an application for such authorisation, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed and imposed by the Registrar.
5. The authorisation will be accessible on Enhanced Firearm System (EFRS) "**function 17.9**", which will be printed on request by the Designated Firearm Officer (DFO) at station level.

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6. The validity of the aforesaid authorisation will commence from the date in which the firearm application was approved, ending on the day the applicant is issued with a firearm licence card. In view of the above the applicant must hand over the copy of the authorisation for cancelation to the DFO when collecting the printed firearm licence card.
7. The aforesaid decision was taken to avoid the situation where an applicant's application for a firearm licence has been approved, but receipt of the printed licence card has been delayed for reasons beyond the control of the Central Firearms Registry.
8. Provincial Commissioners are requested to communicate the contents of this letter to all Firearms, Liquor and Second-Hands Goods Service (FLASH) Commanders.
9. All enquiries must be forwarded to Colonel Sikhakhane on 012 353 6537 SikhakhaneP@saps.gov.za /Lt Colonel Chiloane on 012 353 6581, ChiloaneA2@saps.gov.za.
10. Your co-operation in this regard will be highly appreciated.



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