

**Explosives Regulations 2014**

**ER 4b**

**Application for Renewal of an Explosive Certificate for Blackpowder to be used in Firearms**

Name

Address

Firearm certificate number		Shotgun certificate number	
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<b>Present explosive certificate requiring to be renewed:</b>	<p><i>Note: If you intend to change the type of certificate already held you cannot apply using this form. In those circumstances you need to complete a form ER 4 or 4a</i></p> <p><i>* To confirm the type of explosive certificate you require to be renewed please delete whichever of options 1 or 2 does not apply. If option 1 is chosen, enter the amount to be acquired on any one occasion and its purpose in the spaces provided.</i></p>
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\* (1) I apply to acquire [  ] kilograms of black powder on any one occasion, which I will use for the purpose of [  ] and will not store.  
 I will dispose of any remaining powder on the day I acquire it by the following method(s) -

\* (2) I apply to acquire and keep black powder, which will be not more that the amount in Regulation 7 (2)(a) of the Explosives Regulations, 2014 (see note a.) This storage complies to the requirements in the Guidance to those regulations (see note b)

<b>Application information:</b>	<p><i>Please note that if all of the below declarations do not apply to your application, you need to make the application on a form ER 4a</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Tick box to confirm</i></p>
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| I am the holder of the above firearm/shotgun certificate(s) granted under the Firearms Act 1968 that I am applying to be renewed at the same time.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I confirm that information in relation to any convictions and any medical conditions I may have are contained in the above Firearms Act application form(s) that I have submitted in respect of the renewal of that firearm/shotgun certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I have or may possess a firearm/shotgun under the terms of above certificate(s) for which black powder is required as a propellant either by muzzle loading or in its ammunition.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I declare that I am not a prohibited person as defined in Regulation 2 of the Explosives Regulations, 2014 (see note c)   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

The statements made in this form are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am aware that it is an offence under Section 33(1)(k) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act, 1974, for me to make a false declaration in this application in order to obtain for myself an explosive certificate issued under the Explosives Regulations 2014

Signed .....

Date.....

See below for the notes

**Notes:**

(a) Limits in ER2014 regulation 7(2)(a):-

10 kilograms of black powder

**and**

5 kilograms comprising **one** of the following options

- (i) Shooters powder (black powder or smokeless powder) **or**
- (ii) any hazard type 3 or 4 explosive, or desensitised explosive, which is not a relevant explosive, or a combination of hazard type 3 or 4 explosives, or desensitised explosives, which are not relevant explosives; or
- (iii) a combination of shooters' powder and any hazard type 3 or 4 explosives, or desensitised explosives, which are not relevant explosives;

**and**

15 kilograms of percussion caps or small arms ammunition or a mixture of them

(b) Précis of storage in the Guidance to ER2014

- Powder must be in containers with no more than 550 grams per container.
- The containers must not be metal. Plastic/polythene or paper/cloth are suitable. Care is required to ensure where plastic is used that it does not induce static electricity.
- The containers must be kept in a box constructed of plywood with a minimum thickness of 18 mm, or a material of equal or greater fire and physical resistance to attack.
- The box must be constructed to provide 30% additional height between the top of the container and the inside of the lid.
- If the box is to hold more than one container of powder, the interior must be divided by 6mm wooden partitions securely fixed to the walls of the box.
- It is a good idea to fit an intumescent strip around the lid.
- The box must not be stored in any box, drawer, locker or cupboard made of metal.
- Locating the box for storage –
  - The box should not be stored on or under any means of access or escape
  - The box should not be kept in the same room as flammable liquids or in any areas where there is a risk of fire
- Security of the box –
  - The box must be kept in either a secured room or other suitably secured place
  - Where not kept under the above provisions the box should meet certain minimum requirements
    - Have securely fixed robust hinges
    - A secure hasp using a security grade padlock
    - Have suitable arrangements to frustrate attempts to remove the box ( e.g securing by its handles or similarly attached ring to a strong point using good quality chain or fixing device

(c) Prohibited person - The Explosives Regulations 2014 Regulation 2 –

a) has been convicted of any offence under the Explosive Substances Act 1883(29), or

(b) has been sentenced to a sentence which is excluded from rehabilitation under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974(30) by virtue of section 5(1) and (1A) of that Act; or

(c) has been sentenced to a custodial sentence, within the meaning of section 5(7) and (8) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974(31), for a term exceeding 30 months, but not exceeding 48 months, and less than the period of 7 years has elapsed, beginning with the day on which the sentence (including any licence period relating to that sentence) is completed, or less than 42 months from that day for those under the age of 18 at the time of conviction; or

(d) has been sentenced to a custodial sentence, within the meaning of section 5(7) and (8) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, for a term exceeding 6 months, but not exceeding 30 months, and less than the period of 48 months has elapsed, beginning with the day on which the sentence (including any licence period relating to that sentence) is completed, or less than 24 months from that day for those under the age of 18 at the time of conviction; or

(e) has been sentenced to a custodial sentence, within the meaning of section 5(7) and (8) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, for a term not exceeding 6 months and less than the period of 24 months has elapsed, beginning with the day on which the sentence (including any licence period relating to that sentence) is completed, or less than 18 months from that day for those under the age of 18 at the time of conviction; or

(f) has been sentenced to a sentence of service detention, within the meaning of section 5(8) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974(32), for a recordable service offence and less than the period of 12 months has elapsed, beginning with the day on which the sentence is completed, or less than 6 months from that day for those under the age of 18 at the time of conviction, and, for these purposes —

(i) “conviction” includes a finding or a substituted finding that is treated as a conviction by virtue of section 376 of the Armed Forces Act 2006(33); and

(ii) “recordable service offence” has the meaning given by article 2(1) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Armed Forces) Order 2009(34) and paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to that Order;