



## **The GOSA Renewal Rescue Pack (v1)**

In terms of Section 28(6) of the FCA (Act 60 of 2000), as confirmed by the Registrar, National Commissioner of the SAPS General Sitele in his Affidavit of 16 July 2018, "The Registrar may extend a period"... "on good cause shown" (Para 68.3), and "If any application for extension is received, it will be considered and dealt with on its merits." (Para 68.2).

This confirms beyond any doubt or debate that the SAPS agree that firearm licences that are both within the 90 day period before expiry, AND those already expired MAY be renewed, on "good cause shown".

By following the steps in this pack, using all the materials provided, you will be able to successfully renew your expired firearm licence.

If SAPS refuse to accept your renewal we provide you with the resources you will require to successfully appeal that refusal, right up to a judicial review. If you are a GOSA Silver member (or better) we will do all of this for FREE!

### **– Step-by-step guideline to renewal of expired firearm licences...**

- **Fill in the four documents** contained in the pack. Only fill in YOUR DETAIL on AF2.
- **Leave the firearm** that you are applying for renewal for at home in the safe. That's what Minister Cele has advised us to do.
- **Visit the Customer Service Centre** at your local police station. Ask the officer on duty to Commission your Affidavit (AF1).
- **Visit your DFO's office.**
- **Inform your DFO** (politely) that you wish to renew your firearm licence which has expired in terms of S28(6) of the FCA, and that the accompanying Affidavit (AF1) constitutes prima facie evidence of "good cause shown" as required by S28(6).
- **If your DFO responds** that he/she cannot accept the documents then complete the details of the DFO and the refusal on the Affidavit AF2. Don't antagonise the DFO by asking them to Commission the Affidavit. Simply go past the CRC again on your way out of the station and ask the officer on duty there to Commission it for you.
- **If your DFO or any other police officer demands** that you surrender your firearm tell them politely that as per the instructions of the Police Minister, and on the advice of Counsel you are unable to do that.
  - If you wish to carry or use your firearm whilst you are waiting for it to be renewed you may do so, but keep proof of renewal application (normally the receipt from the Finance Office) on hand.
  - If you wish to carry or use your firearm where the DFO has refused to accept your late renewal application, then you may use the SAP518 from the Pack to apply for a Temporary Permit in terms of Section 21 of the Act.
  - If the DFO refuses to accept your S21 application you will find that there is space on

the Affidavit AF2 to include those details also.

**- DO NOT carry or use your firearm if you do not have a receipt for renewal or a S21 Temporary Permit!**

**- Report back to GOSA** with the Affidavit AF2. Scan it and email it to us at [AF2@gunownerssa.org](mailto:AF2@gunownerssa.org).

- You can contact the GOSA office during business hours at 011 888 1355

**The Rescue Pack contains the following documents:**

- Copy of SAPS 518(a) “Application for the renewal of a firearm licence”
- Affidavit format for presenting “good cause shown” as prima facie evidence (AF1)
- Copy of SAPS 518 “Application for a Temporary Authorisation to Possess a Firearm”
- Affidavit to feedback to GOSA on acceptance/refusal of DFO to accept applications as above (AF2)

**By following our step-by-step guidelines** and reporting back to GOSA with your Affidavit AF2 (commissioned by the Customer Service Centre of your local SAPS station as you leave from your DFO's office) **you place yourself under the legal care of GOSA and our legal team**, and you place yourself outside of any danger of prosecution or arrest for possession of a firearm where the licence for that firearm has expired because **you have taken steps to bring yourself into compliance** with the Act (P54 “those who take steps to comply with the law should not face “the strictest form of strict liability””).

**Welcome back to legality!**

**Additional resources**

You can find the following documents here:

The Affidavit from National Commissioner of the SAPS is split into two parts...

<https://www.facebook.com/download/preview/289032574986750>, and

<https://www.facebook.com/download/preview/1902469926482684>

The Firearms Control Act (Act 60 of 2000)

[https://www.saps.gov.za/services/flash/firearms/legislation/gov\\_notice\\_english.pdf](https://www.saps.gov.za/services/flash/firearms/legislation/gov_notice_english.pdf)



## SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE

## APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A FIREARM LICENCE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATE OR AUTHORIZATION

Section 24, 35, 49 and 63 of the Firearm Control Act, 2000 (Act No 60 of 2000)

<b>OFFICIAL DATE STAMP</b>
<b>DATE RECEIVED</b>

A. FOR OFFICIAL USE BY THE POLICE STATION WHERE THE APPLICATION IS CAPTURED									
<sup>1</sup> Application reference No									

B. FOR OFFICIAL USE BY POLICE STATION WHERE THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED			
1	Province		
2	Area		
3	Police station		
4	Component code		
5	Firearm applications register reference number	SAPS 86	NO
		YEAR	

C. TYPE OF LICENCE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATE OR AUTHORIZATION (Indicate with an X)				
1	<b>Licences</b>		2.1	Licence to deal in firearms and ammunition
1.1	Licence to possess a firearm for self-defence		2.2	Licence to manufacture firearms and ammunition
1.2	Licence to possess a restricted firearm for self-defence		2.3	Licence to conduct business as a gunsmith
1.3	Licence to possess a firearm for security officer purposes		3	<b>Permits</b>
1.4	Licence to possess a firearm for occasional hunting and sports-shooting		3.1	Permit to possess ammunition in a private collection
1.5	Licence to possess a firearm for dedicated hunting and dedicated sports-shooting		3.2	Permit to possess ammunition in a public collection
1.6	Licence to possess a firearm in a private collection		3.3	Import permit
1.7	Licence to possess a firearm in a public collection (museums)		3.4	Export permit
1.8	Licence to possess a firearm for business purposes: Business in hunting		3.5	In-transit permit
1.9	Licence to possess a firearm for business purposes: Other business purposes		3.6	Multiple import and export permit
2	<b>Licence issued to particular categories of persons</b>		3.7	Temporary import/export permit

Details of original licence, permit, certificate or authorization		
Licence, permit, certificate or authorization number	Date issued	Expiry date

**D. PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT**

**NATURAL PERSON'S DETAILS**

**Type of identification** (Indicate with an X)

SA ID	Passport	Non-SA citizen with permanent residence*														
Identity number of natural person													-	-	-	
Passport number of natural person																
Surname											6 Initials					
Full name																
Residential address													9 Postal Code			
Postal address													11 Postal Code			
Business telephone number				12.1 Home ( )				12.2 Work ( )								
Cellphone number								13 Fax ( )								
E-mail address																

**JURISTIC PERSON'S DETAILS**

**OTHER BODIES**

Registered company name																
Trading as name																
FAR number																
Postal address													21 Postal Code			
Business address													23 Postal Code			
Business telephone number				24.1 Work ( )				24.2 Fax ( )								
E-mail address																

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON'S DETAILS**

Responsible person (full names and surname)																					
Type of identification (Indicate with an X)													SA ID			Passport number					
Identity number of responsible person													-	-	-						
Passport number of responsible person																					

\* Proof of permanent residence must be submitted if an applicant is not a SA citizen.

31	Cellphone number				
32	Physical address				
		<sup>33</sup> Postal Code			
34	Postal address				
		<sup>35</sup> Postal Code			

36 **OTHER INFORMATION** (Indicate with an X)

37 **WAS YOUR APPLICATION HANDED IN 90 DAYS BEFORE EXPIRY OF THE EXISTING LICENCE? IF NO, SUBMIT THE REASON**  
(Indicate with an X)

YES		NO		Reason(s)		

38 **WAS YOUR APPLICATION HANDED IN AFTER THE DUE DATE, BUT BEFORE EXPIRY OF EXISTING LICENCE. IF YES, SUBMIT THE REASON**  
(Indicate with an X)

YES		NO		Reason(s)		

39 **WAS YOUR APPLICATION HANDED IN AFTER THE EXPIRY OF EXISTING LICENCE. IF YES, SUBMIT THE REASON**  
(Indicate with an X)

YES		NO		Reason(s)		

40 **DECLARATION BY APPLICANT**

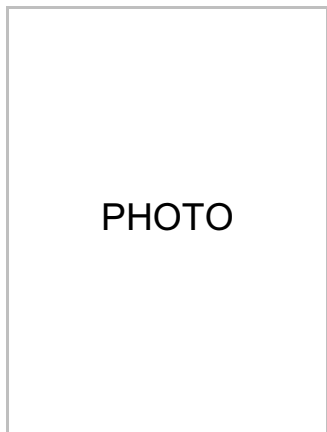
I am aware that it is an offence in terms of section 120 (9)(f) of the Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act No 60 of 2000), to make a false statement in this application.

**E. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT** (Sign only if applicable)

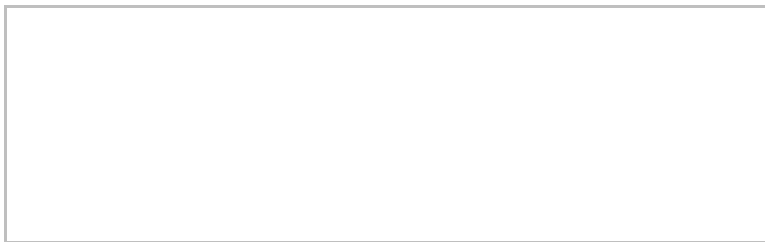
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The requirements of the photo:

- The photograph must be in colour and may not exceed the border.
- The photo must be the size of a standard passport photograph.
- The photo must be a full front view of the head and shoulders of the applicant.
- The background of the photo must be plain.
- The applicant may not be wearing a hat or sunglasses on the photograph.
- The applicant's name and identification number must be written on the back of the photograph before it is affixed on the application form.
- The applicant must sign in black ink.
- The signature may not exceed the border.
- The whole finger must be pressed down on the sheet.
- The fingerprint should not be rolled and must be a flat impression.

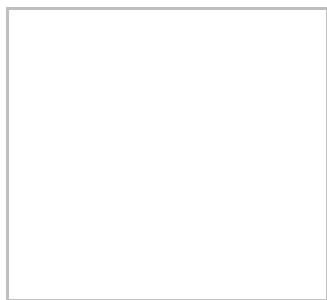


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Signature

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<sup>4</sup> Fingerprint designation



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Name of applicant in block letters

6 Date    -    -

7 Place

**8 PARTICULARS OF POLICE OFFICIAL DEALING WITH APPLICATION**

8.1

Name of police official in block letters

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Persal number of police official

8.3

Rank of police official in block letters

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Signature of police official

**9 PARTICULARS OF WITNESS**

9.1

Name of witness in block letters

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Persal number of witness

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Rank of witness in block letters

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Signature of witness

**F. PARTICULARS OF INTERPRETER**  
(This section must be completed only if the applicant cannot read or write or does not understand the content s of this form.)

1 Name and surname of interpreter

2 Identity/Passport number of interpreter

3 Residential address

<sup>4</sup> Postal Code

5 Postal address

<sup>6</sup> Postal Code

7	Telephone number	7.1 Home	( )	7.2 Work	( )
8	Cellphone number			9 Fax	( )
10	E-mail address				
11	Interpreted from (language)		to		

12 Date 

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13 Signature of interpreter

14 Place 

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Rank of police official in block letters(if applicable)

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Persal number of police official (if applicable)

**G. IN CASE OF NOMINEE/AUTHORIZED PERSON**

1 Name and surname of nominee/authorized person 

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2 Identity/Passport number of nominee/authorized person 

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3 Date 

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4 Signature of nominee/authorized person

5 Place 

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**H. FOR OFFICIAL USE BY THE DESIGNATED FIREARMS OFFICER/STATION COMMISSIONER**

1 RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE APPLICATION (Indicate with X)

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Recommended		Not recommended	
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2.1 Motivation regarding the application

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2.2 Report regarding the physical inspection of the applicant's safeguarding facilities

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Name of Designated Firearms Officer/Station Commissioner in block letters

4 Date 

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Rank of Designated Firearms Officer/Station Commissioner in block letters

6 Place 

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7 Signature of Designated Firearms Officer/Station Commissioner

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Persal number of Designated Firearms Officer/Station Commissioner







**AFFIDAVIT AF1**  
**Questions 37, 38, 39 of 518a form**

I, the undersigned,

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Do hereby make OATH and state that:

1. I am an adult FEMALE / MALE, (delete not applicable) and I depose to this affidavit in my personal capacity , my identity number is ....., I reside at

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and I am duly authorised to make this affidavit.

2. The facts deposed to by me in this affidavit fall within my personal knowledge unless the contrary is stated or appears from the context and are both true and correct to the best of my belief.

3. in response to the question posed at Question 37 / 38 / 39 (delete which is not applicable) of form 518a, in respect of an application for late renewal of my firearm licence, I advise that my explanation on good cause is as follows:

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5. I attach hereto marked X1 to X..... supporting documents in support of my explanation set out in paragraph 4 above

\_\_\_\_\_(signature of Deponent)

**DEPONENT**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT** the deponent has acknowledged that the deponent knows and understands the contents of this affidavit, which was signed and sworn before me at \_\_\_\_\_ on this the \_\_\_\_\_, **day of** \_\_\_\_\_ **20**\_\_\_\_\_, the Regulations

contained in the Government Notice No R1258 of 21 July 1972, as amended and Government Notice R1648 of 19 August 1977, as amended, having been complied with.

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**COMMISSIONER OF OATHS**

NAME IN FULL:

DESIGNATION:

ADDRESS:

## Explanatory notes

The explanatory notes to the 518a form uses as an example for good cause, that the applicant was in hospital and attaches a medical certificate

Here are suggestions for other explanations, these are not exhaustive, but merely examples, you will need to insert ***your own truthful*** explanation with supporting documents if appropriate:

- You were in hospital from.... to .....
- You work from.... to ..... weekdays and were unable to obtain leave from your employer during work hours and the DFO is only open from..... to ..... during the week
- You were overseas from .... to ..... and were unable to submit your application timeously
- You were advised by the DFO that you first needed to renew competency and by the time competency was processed you were outside the time period to renew your licence and the DFO then refused to allow you to submit your application
- You attended at the DFO timeously but was unable to process the application as the DFO was on leave, office locked, computer systems were down, no DFO at your station
- You were later than 90 days but attended before expiry, but were told by the DFO that they refused to take your application and you had to wait for the court case
- The DFO refused to accept your application even though you attempted to apply before the licence expired





**D. DESCRIPTION OF FIREARM** (Indicate with an X)

1	Rifle	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shotgun	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handgun	<input type="checkbox"/>	Combination	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other, specify (armament/indeterminable design type)							

**DETAILS OF FIREARM** (Indicate with an X)

3	<b>Action</b>	Semi-automatic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Automatic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Manual	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		Other action (specify)					
5	Calibre						
6	Make						
	Model						

Firearm component type:

7	Barrel serial number		<sup>8</sup> Make	
9	Frame serial number		<sup>10</sup> Make	
11	Receiver serial number		<sup>12</sup> Make	
13	Every name and address engraved in the metal			

**E. PARTICULARS OF PERSON IN POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

1	Surname		<sup>2</sup> Initials	
3	Full names			
4	Identity number of person in possession of the firearm			
5	Residential address			<sup>6</sup> Postal Code
7	Postal address			<sup>8</sup> Postal Code
9	Telephone number	<sup>9.1</sup> Home ( )	<sup>9.2</sup> Work ( )	
9.3	Cellphone number		<sup>10</sup> Fax ( )	
11	E-Mail address			

**OTHER BODIES** (eg body corporate, close corporation or company)

13	Registered company name			
14	Trading as name			
15	Company registration number			
16	FAR number			
17	Postal address			<sup>18</sup> Postal Code
19	Business address			<sup>20</sup> Postal Code
21	Business telephone number	<sup>21.1</sup> Work ( )	<sup>21.2</sup> Fax ( )	
22	E-mail address			





24 **JURISTIC PERSON'S DETAILS**

25	Registered company name																				
26	Trading as name																				
27	FAR number																				
28	Postal address																				
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32	Business telephone number	32.1 Work	(	)	32.2 Fax	(	)														
33	E-mail address																				
34	Responsible person (full name and surname)																				
35	Type of identification (Indicate with an X)	SA ID				Passport number															
36	Identity number of responsible person							-						-				-			
37	Passport number of responsible person																				
38	Cellphone number																				
39	Physical address																				
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41	Postal address																				
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**G. OTHER DETAILS**

1 Period for which authorization is required

**FROM**

Date						-						
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**TO**

Date						-						
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2 Motivation of purpose for which the firearm is required

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3 **HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF AN OFFENCE, COMMITTED INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF THE RSA?**  
(Indicate with an X)

YES		NO		If yes, submit the following details
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3.1 Police station (1)		3.2 CAS/Case number	
3.3 Charge	<hr/>		
3.4 Outcome	<hr/>		
3.5 Police station (2)		3.6 CAS/Case number	
3.7 Charge	<hr/>		
3.8 Outcome	<hr/>		

4 **ARE THERE ANY CASES PENDING AGAINST YOU?** (Indicate with an X)

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, submit the following details
4.1	Police station <sup>(1)</sup>			4.2 CAS/Case number
4.3	Offence			
4.4	Police station <sup>(2)</sup>			4.5 CAS/Case number
4.6	Offence			

5 **HAVE ANY OF YOUR FIREARM(S) EVER BEEN LOST/STOLEN?** (Indicate with an X)

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, submit the following details
5.1	Police station <sup>(1)</sup>			5.2 CAS/Case number
5.3	Circumstances			
5.7	Details of firearm			
5.5	Police station <sup>(2)</sup>			5.6 CAS/Case number
5.7	Circumstances			
5.8	Details of firearm			

6 **HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DECLARED UNFIT TO POSSESS A FIREARM?** (Indicate with an X)

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, submit the following details
6.1	Police station <sup>(1)</sup>			6.2 CAS/Case number
5.3	Charge			
6.4	Date from			6.5 Period
6.6	Police station <sup>(2)</sup>			6.7 CAS/Case number
6.8	Charge			
6.9	Date from			6.10 Period

7 **DO YOU HAVE THE PRESCRIBED SAFE?** (Indicate with an X)

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7.1	<b>IF YES, SUBMIT FULL DETAILS</b> (Indicate with an X, with short description)			
	Type of safe	Handgun	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rifle
	Strongroom	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Device	<input type="checkbox"/>		
8	<b>IS SAFE MOUNTED?</b> (Indicate with an X)			
	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.1	<b>IF YES, SUBMIT FULL DETAILS</b> (Indicate with an X, with short description)			
	Wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floor	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 Provide proof of previous experience in the handling of firearms or previous training in firearms

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### AFFIDAVIT AF2

I, the undersigned,

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Do hereby make OATH and state that:

1. I am an adult FEMALE / MALE, and I depose to this affidavit in my personal capacity  
 , my identity number is ....., I reside at  
 .....  
 .....  
 and I am duly authorised to make this affidavit.

2. The facts deposed to by me in this affidavit fall within my personal knowledge unless  
 the contrary is stated or appears from the context and are both true and correct to  
 the best of my belief.

3. On the ..... I went to the Designated Firearms Officer at  
 .....Police Station and spoke to Police  
 Officer.....

4. I handed the said Police officer my fully completed, together with all supporting documentation and the prescribed fee, a Section 21 licence renewal application form, in respect of the following firearms.....  
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and requested that the officer submit same to the registrar of firearms in order for a temporary licence to be granted in terms of Section 21 of The Firearms Control Act

5. The officer accepted my application / The officer refused to accept my application (delete where appropriate)

6. The officer when refusing to accept the application stated that  
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7. I handed the said Police officer my Section 21 temporary firearm licence application form, SAPS form 518 and requested that the officer submit same to the registrar of firearms in order for a temporary licence to be granted in terms of Section 21 of The Firearms Control Act

8. The officer accepted my application / The officer refused to accept my application (delete where appropriate)

9. The officer when refusing to accept the application stated that  
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10. I also handed the said Police officer my Section 24/ 28 Firearm Licence renewal form, in respect of the following firearms.....

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application form, SAPS form 518(a) and requested that the officer submit same to the registrar of firearms in order for my existing firearm licence to be renewed on good cause as provided for in section 28(6) of the Firearms Control Act

11. The officer accepted my application / The officer refused to accept my application (delete where appropriate)

12. The officer when refusing to accept the application stated that  
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\_\_\_\_\_ (signature of Deponent)

**DEPONENT**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT** the deponent has acknowledged that the deponent knows and understands the contents of this affidavit, which was signed and sworn before me at \_\_\_\_\_ on this the \_\_\_\_\_, **day of** \_\_\_\_\_ **20** \_\_\_\_\_, the Regulations contained in the Government Notice No R1258 of 21 July 1972, as amended and Government Notice R1648 of 19 August 1977, as amended, having been complied with.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**COMMISSIONER OF OATHS**

NAME IN FULL:

DESIGNATION:

ADDRESS: