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APPLICATION FOR FIREARM LICENCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROFESSIONAL HUNTING

We would like to remind Custodians members that our Associations is accredited by the Central Firearms Registry to award Professional Hunter Status to members who are in possession of a valid provincial Professional Hunters Permit.

- CPHC-SA is accredited in terms of the Firearms Control Act to aware Professional Hunter Status to members in good standing and in possession of a valid and current provincial Nature Conservation Professional Hunters' Licence/Permit.
- Custodians' Professional Hunter Status will allow a Custodians member in good standing, to apply for firearm licences for professional hunting purposes.
- The Firearms Control Act defines a professional hunter as any person who supervises, escorts, offers to, or agrees to supervise or escort a client, for reward in connection with the hunting of a wild or exotic animal and who is authorised to do so in terms of any applicable provincial law.

Q&A's

What do I need to qualify for professional hunter status from Custodians in terms of the Firearms Control Act?	 Be a member in good standing (paid-up membership fees and other debts, with no current disciplinary actions pending against you); Be in possession of a valid, current, provincial Professional Hunters Permit; and Submit your application form and supporting documents either online or via email to Custodians.
For which, and how many, firearms will I be allowed to apply for firearm licences when I'm in possession of Section 16A status from Custodians?	 All, or part of, your firearms to be licensed in your own name, and to be used for professional hunting purposes; Although Section 16A will allow you, in terms of the FCA, to apply for more than four firearms, you can use section 16A to apply for less than four as well.
How do I apply for Custodians' Professional Hunter Status (in terms of the FCA)	 Request an application form from the office: admin@cphc-sa.co.za; Download the application form from the website; or Apply online

	In all instances, attach or upload a copy of your valid, current, provincial nature conservation professional hunter's licence/permit.
Under which section of the SAPS 271 Application for Licence to Possess a Firearm form to I need to apply?	 Section D on page 2 of the SAPS 271 application form lists all sections under which firearm licence applications must be logged; The most recent forms available from DFO's and the SAPS website, does NOT include section 16A; We therefore advise that you make the necessary amendment to one of the sections: E.g.: Scratch out '17' and write in very clearly, 16A; Next to '17', scratch out the wording "in a private collection" and replace with FOR PROFESSIONAL HUNTING
Will Custodians assist me with writing my motivation for the application of a new or renewal of my firearm licence/s under section 16A?	 It remains the responsibility of the firearm licence applicant to write his/her own motivations; A Custodian member may, however, forward his/her motivation to Custodians with a request to Custodians to endorse his/her motivation in terms of section 16A; After reviewing the applicant's motivation and if the suitability and purpose the firearm can be endorse, Custodians will issue an endorsement to that effect, to be submitted by the member together with his application for a licence.
Under which section should I apply for a licence for business purposes, e.g., the renting out of firearms to clients?	 Applications for business purposes should be done under section 20; Once we have read and agreed with the Custodians member's motivation for his licence application for business purposes, Custodians will endorse the suitability and purpose of a firearm to be licensed by a professional hunter and/or hunting outfitter for business purposes.
Will Custodians endorse my applications for new or renewal of firearm licence/s under any other section than under section 16A?	 As Custodians is not accredited to award dedicated hunter or sport-shooting status, we are also not in a position to endorse such motivations. Custodians will however, as in the above circumstances for Sections 16A and 20, provide confirmation of membership in good standing for all members qualifying, to attach to their firearm applications.
Will I be allowed to use firearms licensed under Section 16A for professional hunting purposes, for other purposes as well?	3. Licensed firearms may be used for any lawful purposes.

FIREARM LICENCE APPLICATIONS MOTIVATIONS:

The SAPS/Hunters' Consultative Forum has drafted the following framework firearm licence application motivations in the early 2000's, which could be helpful to our members when writing their motivations:

NEED:

This is particularly important when applying for more than one rifle of the same calibre. Indicate where the weapon concerned will fit in with your current collection of firearms and explain why the

Indicate where the weapon concerned will fit in with your current collection of firearms and explain why the other firearms do not fulfil the need, especially in terms of ballistic requirements. Mention the required weapon's specific or special requirements and the use thereof.

PURPOSE:

Clearly indicate for what purpose the firearm is required, e.g., the type of game that will be hunted and in which terrain. Indicate if the firearm will be used for solely professional hunting purposes or also for personal use.

SUITABILITY:

List the technical attributes of the weapon - action, calibre, length of barrel - and explain the suitability thereof. The type of ammunition that will be used i.e., bullet weights, velocity and how that would be useful with the type of game and the typical hunting conditions and distances, should also be mentioned.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

- Custodians "Professional Hunter's Status" certificate, solemn declaration and confirmation of membership in good standing
- Hunting CV: Outline your experience as a hunter and professional hunter and list your qualifications, e.g. professional hunter, official measurer, training courses, etc.;
- Any additional information you might deem necessary, including photographs, certificates, permits, etc.