

Club Licence

Purpose (*s.73 Firearms Act 2024*)

A licence that has its primary purpose in the making of arrangements for participation by its members in competition shooting or target shooting using firearms.

A Club Licence can only be granted to a body corporate.

Authority conferred by Club Licence (*s.74 Firearms Act 2024*)

A Club Licence authorises the following:

- The licensee is authorised to possess a club firearm for the purpose of the firearm being used as authorised by the licence;
- An authorised person for the licence is authorised to use a club firearm at a licensed firearm range for the purposes of competition shooting, target shooting or firearms training at the licensed firearm range;
- Any person (other than a disqualified person or prohibited person) is authorised to use a club firearm at a licensed firearm range for the purposes of competition shooting, target shooting, or firearms training at the licensed firearm range under the immediate supervision of an authorised person for the licence.

The use of a club firearm for the purposes of firearms training is limited to firearms training provided by an authorised person for the club licence who is an approved firearms trainer.

Authority for manufacture and sale of ammunition (*s.76 Firearms Act 2024*)

A Club Licence authorises an authorised person for the licence to:

- Manufacture ammunition for a club firearm for use in the firearm under the authority of the licence; **and**
- Supply ammunition for a club firearm to a person for use by the person in the firearm under the authority of the licence.

Requirements for application for grant of licence (*r.132 Firearms Regulations 2024*)

An application for a Club Licence must include the following:

- Information about each shooting discipline the club will arrange participation by its members;

- A copy of the applicant's constitution. If the applicant does not have a constitution, information about the rules governing the applicant;
- A list showing the name and date of birth of each member of the club and total number of members;
- A copy of 1 or more written agreements between the applicant and the licensee of a Range Licence for the use of a suitable firearm range by members of the club in relevant shooting disciplines. If the applicant has applied for, or holds a Range Licence that is suitable for the disciplines applied for on the Club Licence application, the written agreement is not required;
- If the application relates to a Category C firearm – information about the matters of which the regulator must be satisfied under regulation 136(3);
- If the application relates to a Category H firearm – information about the matters of which the regulator must be satisfied under regulation 137.

Relevant disciplines for licence (*r.133 Firearms Regulations 2024*)

As part of granting a Club Licence, the regulator must designate 1 or more shooting disciplines for the licence.

In deciding whether to designate a discipline for a Club Licence, the regulator must have regard to whether:

- The applicant has, or has access to, a licensed firearm range for use by members of the club referred to in section 73(2) of the *Firearms Act 2024* that is suitable for the relevant discipline; **and**
- The shooting discipline is a generally accepted category of shooting discipline.

A Club Licence must specify each relevant discipline for the licence.

Restriction on grant of licence: target shooting (*r.135 Firearms Regulations 2024*)

The regulator must not grant a Club Licence unless satisfied that the club has as its primary purpose the making of arrangements for participation by its members in target shooting using firearms, it is target shooting for the purpose of practising or preparing for competition shooting.

Competition requirements for licensed firearm club (*r.141 Firearms Regulations 2024*)

A licensed firearm club must conduct at least **4** shooting competitions for its members in each 12-month period.

The shooting competition only counts if it is in a relevant discipline for the Club Licence, is held at a licensed firearm range, and is registered and approved on the new I.T. system before the competition is held.

Club letter (*r.20 Firearms Regulations 2024*)

In order for an individual to obtain a Competition Licence they must provide a club letter during their application / renewal to prove genuine reason for obtaining their licence. It is the responsibility of licensed clubs to issue these club letters.

The letter must be issued via the new I.T. system by an authorised office bearer who can be either the president of the licensed firearm club, or another office bearer of the club who is authorised by the club president.

The club letter must include the following:

- The name of the licensed firearm club.
- The licensed firearm club authority number.
- The name and contact details of the authorised office bearer.
- Confirmation that the club arranges for members to participate in shooting competitions in a shooting discipline relevant to the firearm to which the application relates.

Record keeping requirements for Club Licence (*r.148 Firearms Regulations 2024*)

A Licensed firearm club must record the following information about each member of the licensed club:

- The name and date of birth of the member;
- If the member:
 - Holds a Competition Licence – the authority number for the licence; **or**
 - Does not hold a Competition Licence but holds 1 or more other firearm authorities – the authority number for 1 of the authorities;
- The date on which the member joined the club;
- If the member ceases to be a member of the club:
 - The date on which the member ceased to be a member; **and**
 - A statement of the reason why the member ceased to be a member; **and**
 - If the member ceased to be a member as a result of being expelled from membership – a statement of reasons for the member being expelled.
- A Licensed firearm club must keep the information recorded above for:
 - Each current member of the club; **and**

- If a member ceases to be a member of the club – the period of 5 years after the day on which the member ceases to be a member.

Firearms to which a Club Licence applies (*s.75 Firearms Act 2024*)

A Club Licence can only apply to a firearm of category A, B, C or H.

A Club Licence need not apply to any firearm.