

Permits

(Legal requirement to be in possession of a firearm licensed to a Business)

The Firearms Control Act Regulation - Reg 21 (1) (c) requires that any person who is in possession of a firearm licensed to a Business must hold the required permission (Permit) to have that firearm in their possession.

The full text of Regulation 21 is as follows:

Conditions regarding the providing of a firearm for use by another person in respect of a licence to possess a firearm for business purposes

21. (1) *The holder of a licence to possess a firearm for business purposes, may only provide the firearm for use by another person if such other person –*

- (a) possesses the firearm for the business purpose specified on the licence;*
- (b) has in his or her possession a valid official identity document or passport by means of which he or she may be identified and which contains at least his or her full names, identity number and a photograph;*
- (c) is in possession of a written authorisation, issued under signature of the holder of the licence, or person authorised thereto in writing by the holder of the licence which contains the –*
 - (i) full names and identity number or passport number of the person to whom the firearm is provided for use;*
 - (ii) name and address of the holder of the licence, the licence number and date of issue of the licence as reflected on the licence applicable to the firearm;*
 - (iii) type, calibre, make, model and all marked serial numbers or other identification marks on the firearm;*
 - (iv) intended business purpose for which the firearm will be issued; and*
 - (v) period, reason and place for which possession is granted: Provided that the period stipulated may not exceed a continuous period of 72 hours or a succession of such periods or, in the case of a licence issued in terms of section 20(2)(d) or (e) of the Act, for a period not exceeding the duration of a specific hunting trip for which the person is contracted as a client, employee or sub-contractor of the business;*

To clarify, a Permit with the required details, must be issued to each person who could be in possession of a business firearm. This Permit is valid for a period of 72 hours.

In a single Lodge, with a Responsible Person on-site, a Permit can be issued easily.

For Lodges that have multiple subsidiary lodges and only one Responsible Person, this is impossible to effect as the Responsible Person is required to open the safe and issue the require firearm and ammunition to each person as well as a Permit.

To assist in this logistical nightmare, we have produced a spreadsheet that can be setup to contain all the relevant information and can be issued once, for the duration of a person's leave cycle (broken into 72 hour portions) and during that time, the person will be legally entitled to be in possession of a business firearm and store it and use it in the course of their duties.

Example of the permit

<u>Firearm Permit - issued for Business Purposes ito FCA Regulations - Reg 21 (1) (c)</u>			
Permit Holder Details:			
Full Names: Mr An Other		RSA ID no./	523654839292
		Passport no.	
Licence Holder Details:			
The Company			
Address 1			
Address 2			
Licence and Firearm Details:			
Licence No.: 99999999	Date of Issue:	2014-08-01	
Type: Rifle	Calibre: .458 Lott	Make: BRNO	Model: 602 SerialNo.: 999999
Intended Business Purpose:		Guiding within X Area	
Duration of Work Cycle (6 weeks):			
Start:	2015-01-29	End:	2015-03-12
Validity of this permit:			
Period:	Valid From:	Expiry:	Place:
1	2015-01-29	2015-02-01	X Area
2	2015-02-02	2015-02-05	X Area
3	2015-02-06	2015-02-09	X Area
4	2015-02-10	2015-02-13	X Area
5	2015-02-14	2015-02-17	X Area
6	2015-02-18	2015-02-21	X Area
7	2015-02-22	2015-02-25	X Area
8	2015-02-26	2015-03-01	X Area
9	2015-03-02	2015-03-05	X Area
10	2015-03-06	2015-03-09	X Area
11	2015-03-10	2015-03-13	X Area
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Signature			
MR Big Boss			
(Responsible Person)			

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