

CONDITIONS FOR THE ACQUISITION, TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND USE OF BLACK POWDER FOR PERSONAL USE

[Issued in terms of the Explosives Regulations of 1972, framed under Section 30 of the Explosives Act, 1956 (Act no 26 of 1956)]

The purpose of this document is to provide conditions for the acquisition, transport, storage and use of black powder for personal use as propellant in muzzle loaders, reloaded cartridges and other black powder firearms.

1. Definitions

The following definitions will apply:

“antique firearm” means any muzzle loading firearm manufactured before 1 January 1900, or any replica of such a firearm, as defined in section 1 of the Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act No 60 of 2000).

“black powder” means a substance consisting of an intimate mixture of charcoal or other carbon and either potassium nitrate or sodium nitrate, with or without sulphur, and gunpowder has a similar meaning. Such black powder is limited to those grades approved for sporting use only, and must be packed in containers approved by the Chief Inspector of Explosives. Black powder substitutes such as ‘Pyrodex’ are included.

“muzzle loading firearm” means any rifle, shotgun or pistol, which is designed to use black powder or black powder substitute, which is loaded through the muzzle and cannot use fixed ammunition.

“personal use” means the use of black powder in an antique firearm or other licensed firearm by a registered black powder user, or under his or her direct supervision, and includes the reloading of black powder cartridges.

“registered black powder user” means a person of 18 years and older, registered by the Chief Inspector of Explosives to acquire, transport, store and use black powder and who is in possession of a valid permit.

2. Registration of Black Powder Users

Any person who intends to acquire, transport, store and use black powder for personal use, must be registered as a black powder user by the Chief Inspector of Explosives.

The following documentation must be submitted:

- a. Original completed application form for registration.
- b. Certified copy of the first page of the applicant’s identity document.
- c. Original antique firearm status certificate issued by a gunsmith registered in terms of the Arms and Ammunition Act or Firearms Control Act.
- d. *If the applicant does not have any other valid firearm licences*, an original set of fingerprints on form SAPS 91(a), together with a certified copy of a receipt for the amount prescribed for a criminal record clearance (currently R29-00), or the original. Fingerprints must be taken and the prescribed fee paid at the applicant’s nearest SAPS Community Service Centre.

Details of antique and other black powder firearms are only required for record purposes and to support the necessity to use black powder.

Applications may be submitted to the Chief Inspector in the following ways:

By post: The Chief Inspector of Explosives, Private Bag X624, Pretoria, 0001

By hand: Annex Building, Department of Land Affairs, 184 Jacob Maré Street, Pretoria.

At the nearest Explosives Unit (see list)

Registration of licensed firearm owners will normally take place within ten (10) working days after receiving the original application at the Chief Inspector’s office. Registration of persons who do not have any other valid firearm licences depends on feedback from the Criminal Record Centre, and may take up to eight (8) weeks to finalise. Upon registration a letter of permission to acquire, transport, store and use black powder, will be issued to the applicant which will allow him/her to store a maximum of one (1) kilogram of black powder at the premises specified on the permit. This permit will be returned by standard post to the applicant, but may be collected by hand if prearranged

3. Transport

(Issued in terms of Regulation 6.49 of the Explosives Regulations, 1972)

Registered users must apply for a transport permit to acquire and transport not more than one (1) kilogram of black powder from the nearest supplier to his/her specified physical address on form SAPS 408(a).

Applicants may also apply to acquire percussion caps on the same application form. Black powder must be kept away from percussion caps during transport.

The original application form may be submitted to the Chief Inspector’s office or at the nearest Explosives Unit.

Persons wishing to obtain a transport permit on the application date, are advised to make an appointment with the local inspector of explosives.

A transport permit will be issued free of charge for not more than one (1) kilogram of black powder in a single, once off

consignment.

No permit is required to transport black powder between the place of storage and place of use. Registered users may keep a copy of their storage permits together with a copy of these conditions at hand, for information to any authorized person, e.g. police or traffic official, who may stop and search a vehicle.

Black powder must be transported in its original container when being transported from the supplier to the registered premises for storage.

Black powder may be transported in smaller suitable containers such as non-sparking horns, flasks and powder measures, between the place of storage and place of use.

All reasonable steps must be taken to prevent theft or unauthorized access during transport.

The original used transport permit must be returned to the Explosives Unit where application is made for a new permit.

A maximum of five (5) kilograms of black powder may be transported in a private vehicle where more than one black powder user travel together. Such a vehicle is exempted from the Chief Inspector of Explosives' licensing requirements and the dangerous goods road transport requirements in terms of the National Road Traffic Act and Regulations.

4. Storage

(Issued in terms of Regulation 8.25 of the Explosives Regulations, 1972)

Black powder not being used, must be stored in its original container, in a locked safe, strongroom, lockable steel cabinet or sturdy cupboard at the specified address.

The original storage permit must be kept in or near the storage facility.

A maximum of three (3) kilograms of black powder may be stored where more than one registered black powder user intends to store their powder on the same premises.

All reasonable steps must be taken to prevent unauthorized access to black powder or percussion caps.

Percussion caps must be stored separate from black powder.

5. Use

(Issued in terms of Regulation 10.33 of the Explosives Regulations, 1972)

Black powder obtained in terms of these conditions may only be utilized for personal use and in accordance with the firearm and powder manufacturers' specifications.

NB: Black powder is an explosive and poses certain hazards. Users are advised to join professional black powder associations and clubs which will provide them with safety guidelines and procedures

6. Destruction and Disposal of Redundant Black Powder

The local inspector of explosives must be contacted for advice whenever any redundant or 'old' black powder must be destroyed or disposed of.

7. General

The Chief Inspector must be notified immediately of any of the following:

When black powder or percussion caps are stolen or lost;

When an accident occurred during the transport, storage or use of black powder; and

When there is a change of information of registered users, e.g. address, new black powder firearms obtained, etc.

Written requests for any deviation from these conditions must be properly motivated and submitted to the Chief Inspector.

The Chief Inspector, the State and/or its employees shall in no way be liable for the damage, loss or injury sustained by any person or persons which in any way, may be attributable to the use of explosives in accordance with these conditions or otherwise.

Explosive Units

Head Office – Pretoria - Inspector of Explosives: Sup JJ van Staden
Annex Building, Department of Land Affairs, 184 Jacob Maré Street, Pretoria
Tel (012) 393-2763 Fax (012) 323-1711

Western Cape

Cape Town - Inspector of Explosives: Sup BE Posthumus
Sunrise Complex, Jan Smuts Drive, Maitland
Tel (021) 506-2192 Fax (021) 506-2199

Mossel Bay - Inspector of Explosives: Sup GJE Coetzee

Room 225, Plaza Aquada, 55 Marsh Street, Mossel Bay
Tel (044) 690-3771 Fax (044) 690-3774

Paarl - Inspector of Explosives: Capt E Lourens
53A Main Street, Paarl
Tel (021) 863-1040/1 Fax (021) 836-1044

Eastern Cape

East London - Inspector of Explosives: Sup IPG Ferreira
12 St Peters Road, Southernwood, East London
Tel (043) 722-4080 Fax (043) 722-4080

Grahamstown - Inspector of Explosives: Sup L Coetzee
51A Hill Street, Saamspan Building, Grahamstown
Tel (046) 622-3821 Fax (046) 622-3827

Queenstown - Inspector of Explosives: Capt MG Gaqavu
78 Cathcart Road, Queenstown
Tel (045) 838-3878 Fax (045) 838-3877

Port Elizabeth - Inspector of Explosives: Sup R Kunneke
Stone Street, Nashua Building, 3rd floor, North End, PE
Tel (041) 487-3177 Fax (041) 487-3176

Umtata - Inspector of Explosives: Sup TT Zimela
Police College, Umtata
Fax (047) 505-5199

Northern Cape

Kimberley - Inspector of Explosives: Sup MV Khotha
51 George Street, Record Engineering Building, Kimberley
Tel (053) 838-5604 Fax (053) 831-6460

Springbok - Inspector of Explosives: Sup WD Kotze
Magasyn Street, Springbok
Tel (027) 712-3667 Fax (027) 712-2684

Kuruman - Inspector of Explosives: Insp K van Wyk
7 Rose Avenue, Kuruman
Tel (053) 712-3649 Fax (053) 712-2965

Upington - Inspector of Explosives: Insp LV Louw
Unex Building, 1st floor, 36 Scott Street, Upington
Tel (054) 337-3404 Fax (054) 332-3259

De Aar - Inspector of Explosives: Insp Nel
20 Station Street, Sequira Building, De Aar
Tel (053) 632-6400 Fax (053) 632-9407

Vryburg - Inspector of Explosives: Insp WJ Nel
Corner Mark & De Kock Street, Vryburg
Tel (053) 927-1145 Fax (053) 927-1282

Gauteng

Krugersdorp - Inspector of Explosives: Sup CJ Bezuidenhout
118 Commissioner Street, Krugersdorp
Tel (011) 951-1101 Fax (011) 951-1183

Germiston - Inspector of Explosives: Sup L Botha
165 Meyer Street, Germiston
Tel (011) 871-5627 Fax (011) 871-5625

Vereeniging/Sasolburg - Inspector of Explosives: Sup FP van der Walt
Corner Voortrekker & Stanley Street, Vereeniging
Tel (016) 450-2120 Fax (016) 450-2125

Soweto - Inspector of Explosives: Sup EJ Wiedeman
Indaba Street, Protea, Soweto
Tel (011) 986-9951 Fax (011) 986-9550

Pretoria - Inspector of Explosives: Capt DS Stidwell
39 Glynn Street, Colbyn, Pretoria

Tel (012) 342-9091/2/3 Fax (012) 342-9095

Free State

Bloemfontein - Inspector of Explosives: Capt ME Sono
Corner Aliwal & Fontein Street, Bloemfontein
Tel (051) 507-6620 Fax (051) 507-6082

Welkom - Inspector of Explosives: Sup CM Rautenbach
St Helena, Welkom
Tel (057) 391-6866 Fax (057) 391-6835

Bethlehem - Inspector of Explosives: Capt A Castelyn
32 High Street, Bethlehem
Tel (058) 307-5911 Fax (058) 303-7168

Mpumalanga

Secunda - Inspector of Explosives: Sup PJ Oelofse
SAPS Building, 1 Steenkamp Street, Secunda
Tel (017) 624-2079 Fax (017) 624-2086

Nelspruit - Inspector of Explosives: Capt P Roodt
SAPS Building, 15 Bester Street, Nelspruit
Tel (013) 759-1155 Fax (013) 759-1170

Middelburg - Inspector of Explosives: Insp D van der Merwe
SAPS Building, 22 Joubert Street, Middelburg
Tel (013) 249-1740 Fax (013) 249-1741

North West

Potchefstroom - Inspector of Explosives: Sup F Crause
Santamtrust Building, 41 Potgieter Street, Potchefstroom
Tel (018) 299-7795 Fax (018) 299-7865

Mafikeng - Inspector of Explosives: Sup MP Gopane
Vryburg Road, Mafikeng
Tel (018) 397-0067 Fax (018) 381-0123

Rustenburg - Inspector of Explosives: Insp PH van der Merwe
125 Burger Street, Rustenburg
Tel (014) 509-4287 Fax (014) 590-4291

Brits - Inspector of Explosives: Capt MAS Pretorius
Corner Court & Kerk Street, Brits
Tel (012) 252-5966 Fax (012) 252-6584

Limpopo

Polokwane - Inspector of Explosives: Sup PB Grimbeek
Plot 41, Myngenoegen, Polokwane
Tel (015) 263-6690/1/2 Fax (015) 263-6993

Modimolle - Inspector of Explosives: Insp J Herbst
Limpala Building, 100 Potgieter Street, Ground floor, Room 1, Modimolle
Tel (014) 718-7683 Fax (014) 718-7683

Musina - Inspector of Explosives: Capt J Swarts
Beitbridge Border Post, Police Building, Office 1-3, Musina
Tel (015) 534-7458 Fax (015) 534-7421

Tzaneen - Inspector of Explosives: Capt J Ehlers
Corner Danie Joubert & Agatha Street, Joubert Hoek Centre, 4th floor, Tzaneen
Tel (015) 306-2091 Fax (015) 306-2097

Thohoyandou - Inspector of Explosives: Insp TS Nemusibi
SAPS Station, 2nd floor, Mpefu Street, Thohoyandou
Tel (015) 960-1023 Fax (015) 960-1141

KwaZulu-Natal

Durban - Inspector of Explosives: Sup CD du Randt
4 Balance Road, Stamford Hill, Durban
Tel (031) 312-1490/99 Fax (031) 312-1536

Pietermaritzburg - Inspector of Explosives: Sup RJ Botha

231 Loop Street, Pietermaritzburg

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Newcastle - Inspector of Explosives: Capt AW van Staden

7 Industria Road, Newcastle

Tel (034) 312-4252 Fax (034) 312-4293

Umfolazi - Inspector of Explosives: Insp G Joubert

29 Copper Corner, Alton, Richards Bay

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CHIEF INSPECTOR OF EXPLOSIVES

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION TO ACQUIRE, TRANSPORT, STORE AND USE
BLACK POWDER FOR PRIVATE USE
(ONLY FOR FIRST APPLICATION)

1. Name of applicant:
2. Residential address:
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3. Postal address:
4. Contact details: Tel (W) (H)
(Fax) (Cell)
5. Physical address of storage
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6. Description of storage facility:
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7. Nearest SAPS Community Service Centre/police station:

The following documents must be attached to this application

- Certified photocopy of first page of identity document
- Original letter from gunsmith to verify the status and details of antique firearm
- Certified photocopies of other black powder firearm licences (if applicable)
- Original Criminal Record Enquiry (SAPS 91(a)) and receipt of payment (to be obtained from nearest SAPS Community Service Centre). **(Only necessary if not a registered firearms licensee).**

Date:

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

BLACK POWDER FIREARM LIST

Name:

Make/model	Serial no	Type (shotgun, pistol, rifle, revolver)	L*	A*

*L = Licensed - Mark with 'X'
 *A = Antique firearm

Date:

 SIGNATURE OF OWNER

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Date received	
Date SAPS 91(a) submitted to CRC	
Date CRC feedback received	
Date registered on CES and permit issued	
Reference number allocated	
Date finalised	
Date collected/posted	

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