

Arms Act and Arms Rules

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Under the arms act and rules to hold a gun or pistol or any other fire arm license is required. License is given for 3 years period. A challan of Rs3/- per year amounting to Rs9/- is to be remitted. Central Government has the power to increase the license fee. For issue of licenses the applicant has to apply to MRO. MRO makes an enquiry and sends it to the RDO. In turn RDO recommends to the Collector. The Collector is the issuing authority. He also gets the feedback from the Police authorities. The license is given only for a certain period. So the license has to be renewed on before the renewal date otherwise the license gets cancelled. For renewal he has to submit his license along with challan in original and request for renewal.

As per the provisions contained under section 3 of the Act, no person shall acquire or possess any fire arm or ammunition unless he holds a valid license.

A person holding a weapon without a valid license (including a license that expired due to non-renewal etc.) is liable to be prosecuted.

Initial and Renewal fees for the weapon:

As per G.O.Ms.No.333 Home General (C) dt. 21.10.2000 w.e. from 21.10.2000 the details of initial and renewal fees are as follows:

WEAPON FEE	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL
Pistol / Revolver	Rs.100/-	Rs.50/-
Rifle	Rs.60/-	Rs.30/-
22 bore rifle, DBBL Gun, Air rifle	Rs.40/-	Rs.20/-
ML Gun Air Gun, Sword etc.,	Rs.10/-	Rs.5/-

Licensing Authority : The Collector & Dist. Magistrate

Procedure :

The applicants have to submit the application in form-II, induplicate, with two pass port size photos and court fee label worth Rs.2/- affixed on the application form and submit the application to the Dist. Collector. He has to acquire the weapon within the time granted by the Licensing

Authority and apply for time if he fails to acquire the weapon in time.

Renewal :

The arms licenses should be renewed in time. The Licensing Authority may condone the delay for valid reasons. On expiry of the license the weapon has to be deposited in the nearest police station. Otherwise the licensee is liable for prosecution.

Disposal of Weapon :

If the licensee intends to dispose of the weapon to another license holder or dealer he should intimate the fact to the Licensing Authority for permission and he should also notify the nearest police station. Any contravention under the Act is punishable under sections 25 and 27 of the Act.

Collectors can grant license for District and State Government is the Licensing Authority for grant of license for All India.

The Govt. in their Memo No. 42252/General C/2001 Home General (C) Dept. dt. 16.11.2000 read with G.M.No.44310/General/C 2000-2 Home (General - C) Dept. dt. 30.1.2001 have issued instructions that the defense personnel desirous of getting Arms Licenses should apply in their own native States. The renewal of licenses can be done as usual, in all cases irrespective of their domicile.

ACTS

[Arms Act 1959](#)

[Arms Rules 1962](#)