

**No. L.16012/3/2016-HMA
GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM
HOME DEPARTMENT**

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O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M

Subject: *Clarification on cases to be referred to the Government under Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016.*

Schedule II of Arms Rules, 2016 lays down the various licensing authorities for different cases under Arms Rules, 2016. However, in the past, it had been made mandatory for the licensing authority to first obtain the administrative approval of the Government in certain cases in Mizoram.

In this regard, it has been decided that a clarification regarding the cases which requires the administrative approval of the Government and which can be dispensed by the licensing authority, i.e. the District Magistrate needs to be made.

Therefore, the most common cases under Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016 are classified as into two categories not requiring and requiring the administrative approval of the Government as below until further orders:

I. Cases not requiring the approval of Home Department.

- 1. Renewal of Arms License:** Application for renewal of arms license shall be processed by the District Magistrate and updated in the NDAL Portal subject to fulfilling of all conditions of Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016 and payment of the prescribed fees. In order to check the illegal sale of firearms with or without its license, the District Magistrate may insist on physical appearance of the license holder and verify his/her identity with that of the license before renewing the license.
- 2. Issue of Purchase Permit:** Purchase Permit for newly issued arms license shall be issued by the District Magistrate subject to fulfilling all conditions of Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016. The District Magistrate may insist on physical appearance of the license holder and verify his/her identity with that of the license before issuing a Purchase Permit.

3. **Registration/endorsement of firearm(s) in Arms License:** Registration/endorsement of newly purchased/transferred firearm(s) in the license booklet of the license holder shall be done by the District Magistrate and updated in the NDAL Portal subject to fulfilling all conditions of Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016. The District Magistrate shall physically examine the firearm to ensure that it is as per the license granted to the licensee and also ensure that the serial numbers are in order and that it is not an illegally made/imported firearm. The District Magistrate may insist on physical appearance of the license holder and verify his/her identity with that of the license before registering the firearm.
4. **Sale/Transfer of firearm license to other firearm license holder:** The sale or transfer of firearm(s) by a bonafide arms license holder to another arms license holder who holds license for possession of the same type of firearm is to be done/processed at the District Magistrate level by first filling up of the prescribed form. The firearm shall be registered in the license booklet of the buyer/transferee and deregistered in the license booklet of the seller/transferor and reflected in the NDAL Portal subject to fulfilling all conditions of Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016. The sale/transfer shall be subject to the number and type of firearm permitted in the license of the buyer/transferee. In order to check the illegal sale of firearms with or without its license, the District Magistrate may insist on physical appearance of both parties before consideration of the case.
5. **Loss of firearm:** Any loss of firearm due to theft, disaster or any other reason may be reported to the concerned Police Station. The concerned Police Station may make attempt for recovery of the firearm in theft cases. In cases where the lost firearm cannot be recovered, the concerned Police Station may make a Certificate in this regard. A notice may also be issued in local newspapers by the License holder seeking public help for the lost firearm. The Certificate issued by the concerned Police Station and the newspaper clipping may be produced to the concerned District Magistrate who may, on satisfaction of the genuineness of the case and fulfillment of all other conditions of Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016, deregister the lost firearm from the License Booklet of the license holder and issue a new purchase permit which may also be reflected in NDAL Portal accordingly.
6. **Unserviceable firearm:** In cases where the firearm of the license holder is no longer serviceable and the license holder desires to purchase a new firearm, the license holder may first

obtain a certificate from Armorers in Mizoram Police designated by Firearms Bureau of Mizoram regarding the unserviceability of the firearm in the prescribed format at Annexure - I. The license holder may then, deposit the unserviceable firearm to the office of the District Magistrate for onward submission to the Firearms Bureau, Mizoram as per Home Department's Notification No. L.11012/3/2017-HMA dated 10.02.2021. The District Magistrate, on verification of the firearm and its serial number, may deregister the deposited firearm from the License Booklet of the license holder and issue a new purchase permit subject to fulfilling all conditions of Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016 which may also be reflected in NDAL Portal accordingly.

7. **Special Purchase Permit:** Special Purchase Permit for purchase of firearm outside the area of validity of the arms license may be issued by the concerned District Magistrate from where the arms license is issued.
8. **Journey License and Transport License:** Journey License in Form XI of Arms Rules, 2016 for carrying firearms beyond the existing jurisdiction of a license and Transport License in Form XIII of Arms Rules, 2016 for transport of gun-barrels or completed firearms to proof house may be issued the concerned District Magistrate subject to fulfilling all conditions of Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016.
9. **License Not Required Certificate:** All air weapons including air rifles and air guns, having muzzle energy more than 20 joules or 15 ft. lbs. and/or bore more than 0.177" or 4.5 mm comes under the ambit of Arms Rules, 2016. Hence, accounting of Air Weapons is to be carried out as per this Department's Office Memorandum No. L.22012/1/2014-HMA dated 12.07.2017. Test fired 0.177" or 4.5 mm air weapons with muzzle energy less than 20 joules or 15 ft. lbs may be issued Arm License Not Required Certificate.
10. **District transfer of Arms License:** The transfer of an arms license from one licensing authority to another licensing authority due to change in residence of the license holder or any other reason may be processed at the District Magistrate level. The applicant shall first obtain a No Objection Certificate for transfer from the District Magistrate from where he/she is issued an arms license. The applicant shall then approach the licensing authority where he/she desires to transfer his/her license. The District Magistrate may examine the genuineness of the application and consider it subject to availability of No Objection Certificate and fulfilling of all

other conditions of Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016. Such transfer is to be updated in the NDAL portal accordingly.

11. **Renewal of Arms & Ammunition/Air Weapons Dealer license before expiry/within 3 months of expiry:** Application for renewal of existing Arms & Ammunition Dealer/Air Weapons Dealer license before the expiry/within 3 months of the expiry of the license shall be processed by the concerned District Magistrate subject to fulfilling all conditions of Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016. The District Magistrate may insist on physical appearance of the Arms & Ammunition/Air Weapons Dealer before renewal to ensure continuation of the business by the actual licensee.
12. **Renewal of Accredited Gunsmith license for major/minor repair before expiry/within 3 months of expiry:** Application for renewal of existing Accredited Gunsmith license for major/minor repair shall be processed and updated in the NDAL Portal by the concerned District Magistrate subject to fulfilling all conditions of Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016. The District Magistrate may insist on physical appearance of the Gunsmith license holder before renewal to ensure continuation of the business by the actual licensee.

II. Cases requiring the approval of Home Department.

The following cases are to be forwarded to Home Department for obtaining the administrative approval of the Government by the District Magistrate. The District Magistrate may, only after due verification of the genuineness and authenticity of the applications, forward them to Home Department for approval.

1. **Issue of Fresh Arms License/license under Family Heirloom/Permission of additional firearm:** All applications for issue of fresh arms license/license under Family Heirloom/permission for additional firearm under existing arms license are to be forwarded to Home Department for administrative approval as per Home Department's letter No. L.22012/1/2014-HMA dated 18.11.2016. The District Magistrate shall ensure that all particulars of the application form are filled up and all required documents are enclosed. The District Magistrate shall further verify that the applicant does not hold existing firearm license beyond the maximum limit of two firearms per person as per The Arms (Amendment) Act, 2019. **A new format for Declaration Form is also devised and is enclosed in this Office Memorandum.** The following documents are to be included in the application for fresh Firearm License:

- (i) Form A-1 of Arms Rules, 2016 (Application form).
- (ii) Form S-1 of Arms Rules, 2016 (Training Certificate duly countersigned).
- (iii) Form S-2 of Arms Rules, 2016 (Undertaking for safe storage of firearm with photo of storage).
- (iv) Form S-3 of Arms Rules, 2016 (Medical Certificate).
- (v) Antecedent Verification Report.
- (vi) Photocopies of Aadhar & EPIC.
- (vii) Duly filled Declaration form. (Enclosed at Annexure-II)
- (viii) NOC from Divisional Forest Officer (in case of crop protection).
- (ix) 4 Passport size photos of applicant.
- (x) Heirship Certificate (only in the case of family heirloom).
- (xi) Any other relevant document.

2. **Extension of area of validity:** Applications for extension of the area of validity of an existing arms license are to be submitted to the District Magistrate. The District Magistrate, on satisfaction of the genuineness of the application, may forward such applications to Home Department for consideration. The following documents are to be included in the application:

- (i) Application form for extension of area of validity (Enclosed at Annexure -III).
- (ii) Certified photocopy of Page 1 to 8 of arms license booklet and any other pages endorsed by the DM. (Original license not to be included).

3. **Change of type of firearms:** Applications for change of type of firearm permitted under existing arms license holder are to be submitted to the District Magistrate. The District Magistrate, on satisfaction of the genuineness of the application, may forward such application to Home Department for consideration. The following documents are to be included in the application:

- (i) Application form for change of type of firearm (Enclosed at Annexure -IV).
- (ii) Certified photocopy of Page 1 to 8 of arms license booklet and any other pages endorsed by the DM. (Original license not to be included).

4. **Arms & Ammunitions/Air Weapons Dealer License:** Applications for Arms & Ammunitions/Air Weapons Dealer

License are to be submitted to the District Magistrate. The District Magistrate, on satisfaction of the genuineness of the application, may forward such application to Home Department for consideration. The following documents are to be included in the application:

- (i) Form A-8, Part-I (Application form in case of Arms & Ammunition Dealer).
- (ii) Form A-8, Part-II (Application form in case of Air Weapon Dealer).
- (iii) written declaration along with self-certified copies of drawings stating that the applicant has facilities available of a strong room for the safe custody of the firearms and ammunition;
- (iv) written undertaking with specific reference to the steps taken in connection with the safe custody of the firearms and ammunition including provision for access control, close circuit television system, security guards, fire-fighting devices, etc.;
- (v) verification forms containing the name and address of every person authorized to trade on behalf of the applicant at the premises, who must possess the requisite training for safe handling of firearms;
- (vi) Police Verification Report.
- (vii) Form S-1 (Training Certificate)

5. Accredited Gunsmith License: Applications for Accredited Gunsmith (Major/Minor repairs) license are to be submitted to the District Magistrate. The District Magistrate, on satisfaction of the genuineness of the application, may forward such application to Home Department for consideration. The following documents are to be included in the application:

- (i) Form A-9 (Application form).
- (ii) A written declaration along with certified copies of drawings stating that the applicant has facilities available of a strong room for the safe custody of the firearms and ammunition;
- (iii) A written undertaking in support of the application with specific reference to the steps which are contemplated in connection with the safe custody of the firearms and ammunition including provision for entry access control, close circuit television system, security guard, firefighting devices etc.;

- (iv) Verification forms containing the name and address of every person authorized to carry out conversion, shortening or repair (major) on behalf the gunsmith at the premises, who must possess the requisite qualifications as specified under Rule 78.
- (v) Police Verification Report.
- (vi) Form S-1 (Training Certificate)

6. Renewal of Arms & Ammunition/Air Weapons Dealer license after more than 3 months of its expiry: Application for renewal of existing Arms & Ammunition Dealer/Air Weapons Dealer license after more than 3 months of its expiry shall be forwarded to Home Department for Administrative approval by the concerned District Magistrate subject to fulfilling all conditions of Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016. The District Magistrate may insist on physical appearance of the Arms & Ammunition/Air Weapons Dealer before renewal to ensure continuation of the business by the actual licensee.

7. Renewal of Accredited Gunsmith license for major/minor repair after more than 3 months of its expiry: Application for renewal of existing Accredited Gunsmith license for major/minor repair after more than 3 months of its expiry shall be forwarded to Home Department for Administrative approval subject to fulfilling all conditions of Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016. The District Magistrate may insist on physical appearance of the Gunsmith license holder before renewal to ensure continuation of the business by the actual licensee.

Other cases which not included in the list and for which no specific instructions are issued in the past may be referred to the Government for decision.

III. **Additional instructions.**

- 1. Regular inspection by District Magistrates/Police:** The District Magistrates are instructed to conduct regular inspection on Arms & Ammunition Dealers and Accredited Gunsmith License holders within their respective Districts at least on a quarterly basis to ensure that the provisions of Arms Act and Arms Rules. The District Magistrates shall furnish such inspection reports to Home Department. The report may include the number of sales of arms and ammunitions, the quantity of arms and ammunition kept for sale, the quantity of arms repaired etc.

2. **Vigilance by Police:** Director General of Police, Mizoram shall maintain strict vigilance against illegal local made firearms. Any violation of the provisions of the Arms Act and Arms Rules shall be reported to Home Department and dealt with promptly.

Sd/- Vanlalmawia,
Secretary to the Government of Mizoram,
Home Department.

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:: Aizawl, the 24th of April, 2025.

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