

# Firearms Amendment (Licences) Regulation 2007

under the

Firearms Act 1996

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Firearms Act 1996*.

DAVID CAMPBELL, M.P., Minister for Police

#### **Explanatory note**

The object of this Regulation is to enable firearm licences that are due to expire between 1 March and 31 December 2008 to be renewed for different periods (depending on the criteria approved by the Commissioner for Police). The rationale for renewing these firearm licences for different periods (instead of the usual period of 5 years under the *Firearms Act 1996*) is to spread out the licensing cycle so that the majority of firearm licences do not all expire at the same time. The Regulation also provides for reduced fees for licence applications under the scheme (including a nil fee in the case of a subsequent licence that is issued for a period of 1 year only).

This Regulation is made under the *Firearms Act 1996*, including sections 21 and 88 (the general regulation-making power).

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#### 1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Firearms Amendment (Licences) Regulation* 2007.

#### 2 Amendment of Firearms Regulation 2006

The Firearms Regulation 2006 is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Amendments Schedule 1

#### Schedule 1 Amendments

(Clause 2)

#### [1] Clause 8 Term of licence

Insert after clause 8 (2):

(3) This clause does not apply in relation to an application for a subsequent licence to which clause 8A applies.

#### [2] Clause 8A

Insert after clause 8:

## 8A Term of subsequent licences that are renewals of category A and B licences that expire in 2008

- (1) This clause applies to a licence (*a subsequent licence*) that is issued by way of renewal of a category A or B licence (including a composite licence that comprises a category A and B licence only) that expires during the period commencing 1 March 2008 and ending 31 December 2008. However, this clause does not apply to any such subsequent licence issued to a person who had more than 4 firearms registered in their name as at 30 June 2007.
- (2) The period for which a subsequent licence is to be issued is as follows:
  - (a) 1 year if the applicant satisfies the approved criteria for issuing a licence for that period,
  - (b) 2 years if the applicant satisfies the approved criteria for issuing a licence for that period,
  - (c) 3 years if the applicant satisfies the approved criteria for issuing a licence for that period,
  - (d) 4 years if the applicant satisfies the approved criteria for issuing a licence for that period.
- (3) Any such period is prescribed for the purposes of section 21 (1) of the Act in relation to the subsequent licence concerned.

#### [3] Clause 99 Fees

Insert "(other than a subsequent licence to which clause 8A applies)" after "licence" in clause 99 (1) (a).

#### [4] Clause 99 (1) (a1)

Insert after clause 99 (1) (a):

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- (a1) application fee for a subsequent licence to which clause 8A applies:
  - (i) for a period of 1 year—nil, or
  - (ii) for a period of 2 years—\$75, or
  - (iii) for a period of 3 years—\$90, or
  - (iv) for a period of 4 years—\$120,