

APPLYING FOR A VISITOR'S FIREARMS PERMIT

People who live permanently in another country outside England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, may apply for a temporary Visitor's Firearms Permit (VFP), subject to certain conditions, to enable them to bring firearms and/or shotguns into Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) on a temporary basis to allow them to take part in shooting competitions here. Channel Islands residents also need a VFP to enter, England, Scotland and Wales. Either the applicant should fill in Firearms Form 107 (available from NRA Firearms Liaison) and send it to us, leaving Part A blank for NRA to complete and act as sponsor, or send the data attached to NRA Firearms Liaison Section for NRA to complete the form on their behalf: you may email the information to us to firearmsliaison@nra.org.uk or fax to +44 (0) 1483 797 285. We need to know **full name and permanent address, Date of Birth, nationality, exact details of firearms and ammunition, details of NRA competitions to be entered and place of residence while in UK** (normally Bisley Camp). If you are in the EU, you **MUST** include your European Firearms Pass (this must not be a photocopy: the police must see the original). This will be returned to you with your Visitor's Permit, by Recorded Delivery mail.

- ← Download a copy of 'data required for VFP application'
- ↑ Download full VFP notes

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**DATA REQUIRED FOR NRA TO COMPLETE
VISITORS FIREARMS PERMIT APPLICATION**

Title				
Surname				
Forenames				
DOB				
Nationality				
Permanent Address				
Visitor Address in UK				
Details of Each Firearm:	Calibre	Makers Name	Type/Action	Serial No
Ammunition Each Type:	Calibre	Quantity to be Possessed	Quantity to Purchase/Acquire	
Reasons for Shooting in UK				
Competitions to be Shot				
Date of Arrival in UK				
Period of Validity Required	From			To
E-mail Address				
Contact Telephone No.				



NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

OVERSEAS VISITORS FIREARMS PERMITS

General

A full copy of the Home Office guidelines for completing an overseas visitors firearm permit may be obtained from the NRA or from the Police or Her Majesty's Stationery Office however the following notes are an amplification of the leaflet and outline the procedures to be followed by individual visitors or team organisers applying for sponsorship of permits through the NRA. These procedures are complicated and those applying for sponsorship must give the NRA as much notification as possible of their intentions; IDEALLY 6 TO 8 WEEKS so that the NRA and the police have time to carry out their tasks.

Fees

A charge of £20, which includes an Administration charge, will be made for each individual permit issued. However, where a group of not less than six not more than twenty shooters are participating together in the same event or series of events, a lesser charge of £75 will be made for the batch of permits issued for members of that group. However each person visiting requires a permit so a permit will be issued for each group member. If the group exceeds 20 in number, a further charge will be made for the remaining members of the group.

Period of Validity

If the Chief Police officer is satisfied that the visitor will be participating in a number of separate and specified events during the period of validity, the permit MAY be issued for a period not exceeding twelve months but in any event the permit cannot be valid beyond the renewal date of the European Firearms pass.

Location of events

Permits sponsored by the NRA will normally cover events taking place at Bisley. However a permit covering a specific period will allow the holder to participate in an event elsewhere than at Bisley during that period so long as the intention to do so is notified in the application for the permit (e.g. to shoot in the Birmingham "Bisley" prior to the NRA's Annual Meeting without returning to home country in between events).

Procedure

Overseas Associations, Clubs and individuals seeking sponsorship for firearms permits through the NRA must notify the Membership department of the NRA as early as possible specifying the type of application (individual or group) to be made and the number of permits required.

Application forms will be sent to the visitor or group organiser for completion by them or download attached form.

The completed application form must be returned to the NRA together with a cheque or money order for the appropriate fee in sterling made payable to "NRA".

No permit will be issued without prior payment. The cheque or money order must be entirely separate from other payments made to the NRA for entry fees, accommodation etc.

The application form will be checked and authenticated by the NRA and forwarded to the Police. The permit or permits will be issued by the Police to the NRA who will post them to the visitor or group organiser.

Making Application

Individual Permits. Individual visitors, in particular, who may make more than one visit during the season should note that each permit costs £20, BUT a permit may be issued for a period not exceeding 12 months to cover a series of separate visits. When making an application to the NRA they should notify all the events for which the permit is required giving dates of each event, where possible and addresses in Great Britain (see "Location of events" above). It may be necessary to attach to the application form a list of events if space on the form is insufficient.

Members of the European Union member states can obtain European Firearms Passes from their own authorities and should submit the original EFP with their application as Surrey Police are required to endorse it.

Members of non EU countries should submit copies of their domestic permit (these do not have to be endorsed).

Group Applications. A group application will be accepted by the Police if they are satisfied that all the persons named on the application form will be participating in the nominated event(s). The persons nominated in the group application do not necessarily have to travel together to and from the event so long as they travel within the period of validity stated on their permit. In making application the group organiser should state a period of validity which covers the travel arrangements of his group members. If a member wishes to travel significantly before or after the main group he should make an individual application.

Variations. Any changes to an application once made (e.g. the number or types of firearms to be brought into the country, an additional event within the period of validity requested, or a change to group composition) must be notified by letter or telephone to the NRA as soon as possible and every effort will be made by the Police to effect the change free of charge.

A permit once issued to the visitor cannot be extended to include a subsequent event. A further application for another permit for the new period of validity at additional costs must be made.

Retention of Permits

The permit will specify the overall period for which it is valid; this may cover a number of visits to Great Britain. The permit must be retained by the visitor throughout the period of validity so that it can be presented to the Customs or Police on each occasion the visitor enters or leaves the country during the period of validity.

Other Sponsors

Sponsors other than the NRA whose Headquarters are not based in the Surrey Constabulary, but are mounting events at Bisley, must make application for permits for Overseas visitors to their event through the Police Constabulary in whose Country their HQ is based.

Firearms Liaison Officer
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