

CHICHESTER RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

In order to comply with the Home Office criteria for Rifle and Pistol Clubs all members, probationary members and prospective members must sign a declaration that they are not prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition by virtue of Section 21 of the Firearms Act 1968. Section 21 of the Act is stated below:

Section 21: Possession of firearms by persons convicted of crime

(1) A person who has been sentenced to preventive of detention, or to imprisonment or to corrective training for a term of three years or more, or who has been sentenced to be detained for such a term in a young offenders institution in Scotland, shall not at any time have a firearm or ammunition in his possession (including shotguns, air weapons and BB guns).

(2) A person who has been sentenced to borstal training, to corrective training for less than three years or to imprisonment for a term of three months or more but less than three years, or who has been sentenced to be detained for such a term in a detention centre or in a young offenders institution in Scotland, shall not at any time before the expiration of the period of five years from the date of his release have a firearm or ammunition in his possession (including shotguns, air weapons and BB guns).

From 14 July 2014, if a person receives a suspended sentence of three months or more then they will not be able to purchase or possess a firearm or ammunition for a period of five years from the second day after sentence. This timescale has been set so that a person who is in possession of a firearm or ammunition is not in immediate breach of the law when the sentence is passed and has an opportunity to make arrangements to transfer or dispose of their firearm or ammunition.

However, a person who received a suspended sentence before 14 July 2014 and already has a firearm certificate would be able to retain their firearm and ammunition for the duration of their certificate.

All members must sign this declaration. Probationary members must sign the declaration at their first attendance at the Club and before handling any firearm or ammunition.

I therefore request that you sign the following declaration and return to the range officer.

..... Club Secretary

I hereby confirm that I am not prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition by virtue of Section 21 of the Firearms Act 1968

Full Name (Please print)

Signed

Date

Countersigned by parent or guardian if under 16 years of age

Signed