

Firearms Licensing - FAQ'S on Refused Applications

Q. My application to renew my firearm certificate has been refused. What am I now required to do with the firearm in question?

A. Where an application to renew a firearm certificate has been refused, it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the firearm is placed in the safe custody of a registered firearms dealer pending the outcome of any appeal to the District Court or a change in ownership.

Q. My application for a firearm certificate was refused and I have successfully appealed the decision to the District Court. Will the refusal remain on PULSE?

A. The PULSE record of a REFUSED application, if subsequently granted following an appeal or otherwise, is then updated on the system to a status of granted by the issuing person.

Q. My application for a firearm certificate was refused but I have not appealed the decision to the District Court. Will the refusal remain on PULSE in perpetuity?

A. Applications that have been refused will remain on the PULSE system as refused. However, this refusal merely records the application and the refusal.

Q. My application for a firearm certificate was refused and I did not appeal the refusal. I have subsequently disposed of the firearm. Will the refusal remain on PULSE in perpetuity?

A. Applications that have been refused will remain on the PULSE system as refused. However, this merely records the application and refusal.

Q. My application for a firearm certificate has been refused but I hold certificates for other firearms. Will I have to declare this refusal at each renewal?

A. The Firearms Certificate Application (FCA1) form in Section 2.4, and Firearm Certificate Renewal Form (FCR) in Section 3.4 at 'Previous History', requests information regarding whether the applicant has ever been refused a firearms certificate. However, it explicitly states that this does not necessarily mean the application will be refused, but it may lead to further enquiries. The applicant is of course entitled to attach to the application form any additional information regarding the circumstances of any the refusal.

Q. My application for a firearm certificate has been refused in Ireland and I have successfully appealed the refusal to the District Court. Will I be required to declare this refusal when I apply for a permit to shoot in another jurisdiction?

A. The PULSE record of a REFUSED application, if subsequently granted following an appeal or otherwise, is then updated on the system to a status of granted by the issuing person and therefore the refusal is no longer recorded.

Q. My application for a firearm certificate has been refused in Ireland but I did not appeal the refusal to the District Court. Will I be required to declare this refusal when I apply for a permit to shoot in another jurisdiction?

A. This refusal remains on the PULSE system as a refusal and should be declared if required in another jurisdiction.