

## ***Firearms FAQ's***

**Q I have been refused a licence for a firearm and 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 I have been refused a licence for a firearm but 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 will not criminalise any person and merely records the application and the refusal.

**Q I have been refused a licence for a firearm did not appeal the refusal but 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 refusal will not criminalise any person and merely records the application and refusal.

**Q I have been refused a licence for one firearm 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 I have been refused a licence for a firearm in Ireland and 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 I have been refused a licence for a firearm in Ireland but 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 whenever required.

**Q. - Section. 2.4 of FCA1 refers details of an applicant being found guilty of, or having charges pending for any offence in Ireland or abroad. Must I disclose details of any offence pending or conviction?**

**A** Yes, all offences pending or convictions must be disclosed. An issuing Superintendent of An Garda Síochána shall not grant a firearm certificate to a person unless satisfied that person can be permitted to possess, use and carry a firearm without danger to public safety, security or the peace. Each application is considered on its own individual merits and a conviction in either Ireland or abroad will not automatically disqualify an applicant, other than a conviction that disentitles a person from holding a firearm certificate under S.8 of the 1925 Firearms Act, as amended. Each applicant shall supply in writing any information that a Superintendent requires in carrying out his/her functions under the Act including providing details of all foreign or domestic convictions or offences pending, if requested to do so. An issuing Superintendent may make further enquiries as required to inform their decision on an application.