

Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations 2005

Guidance to applicants for a licence or registration from a local licensing authority or the police

Please use **black** ink (or black type) to complete the application form.

Filling in the Form

Part B: Company applicants

If a company head office is applying for licences or registrations for a number of different stores, a separate application form should be completed for each store.

Part E: Out of hours contact details

This should be the person responsible for the store and/or someone who can provide access in an emergency.

Part F: Nature of business

Recreational User includes shooters and reenactors.

Part G: Type and amount of explosive being kept

You should tick all that apply to this application.

The form asks for the Total Quantity '**net mass**' of the explosives to be kept. This means the weight of the explosive contained within an article (ie less packaging, casings, etc).

For fireworks, the net mass should be assumed to be one quarter of the gross weight of the fireworks unless the manufacturer has provided more specific information.

Part H: Other information in support of this application

Maps

If the intended place of keeping is **not** an existing building, with a street number and postcode, please provide with your application a large-scale map (such as an Ordnance Survey Site Plan, or other similar scale map) with the location of the store marked on it.

Floor plans for shops selling pyrotechnic articles, including fireworks

The regulations state the maximum quantity of pyrotechnic articles which may be kept under a Registration in the **sales area** of a shop or other retail premises. The maximum permitted quantity relates to the size of the sales area.

If you are planning to store more than 12.5kg net mass (50kg gross) please include a plan of the sales area showing the total floor area (in square metres) and the position and the number of entrances and exits to and from it.

Further information

Licence and registration period

Licences and registrations for explosives requiring an explosive certificate are normally granted to run concurrently with the explosive certificate. Please inform your licensing authority if you require a licence or registration for a shorter period. Licences and registrations for fireworks and other explosives that do not require an explosive certificate are normally renewed annually on a common renewal date in September or October. Initial applications may be granted for a period longer than one year so that they fall due for renewal on the common renewal date. For example, an applicant applying in June might be granted a licence for 15 months to expire in September of the following year. However, if you are only planning to sell fireworks in the Autumn firework season you may simply elect to have your licence or registration run for one year from the common renewal date.

Separation distances

The regulations require separation distances to be maintained between explosives stores and inhabited buildings, public traffic routes and public places. There are exceptions for those keeping small quantities of explosives (one example is for the keeping of up to 250kg net mass of Hazard Type 4 explosive). Details of separation distance requirements may be obtained from the licensing authority. Applicants are strongly advised to check what, if any, separation distance requirements will be needed around the store.

Copies of the Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations 2005 [[Statutory Instrument SI 2005/1082](#)] may be obtained from HMSO. The regulations may also be viewed or downloaded from the HMSO website at www.hmso.gov.uk.

If you need further information about your application please contact your licensing authority.

Who is my licensing authority?

This will depend on the quantity of explosive you wish to store and whether any of it is smokeless powder or requires a Certificate to Acquire and Keep Explosives (an "explosive certificate") issued by the Police (see List 1).

List 1

Storage of more than 2000kg of explosives - **Licensing Authority** is Health and Safety Executive

Storage of explosives at mines - **Licensing Authority** is Health and Safety Executive

Storage in harbour areas - **Licensing Authority** is Health and Safety Executive

Storage of up to 2000kg of explosives if some of the explosives are either smokeless powder or require an explosive certificate (eg blasting explosive or black powder) - **Licensing Authority** is the Police

Storage of up to 2000kg of other explosives (including fireworks and small arms ammunition), none of which requires an explosives certificate - **Licensing Authority** is your local licensing authority (see List 2)

Anyone wishing to apply for a licence or a registration from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) should contact HSE or alternatively go to www.hse.gov.uk/explosives/information. Applicants should then scroll down and select Forms for an application.

Applications to the Police should be made to the [Explosives Liaison Officer \(ELO\)](#) for the police service for the area where the store is located (details of the Police ELO contacts nationally is also available at www.hse.gov.uk/explosives/index.htm).

List 2

England

Explosives requiring an explosive certificate - **Local Licensing Authority** is the Police

Other explosives (eg fireworks) - **Local Licensing Authority** is as below:

County Council or unitary authority where there is no County Council

Fire and Rescue Authority

London Borough

City of London

Scotland and Wales

Explosives requiring an explosive certificate: **Local Licensing Authority** is the Police

Other explosives (eg fireworks) - **Local Licensing Authority** is the Local Council
Applications to local licensing authorities should be made to the authority for the area where the store is located (see List 2). In the majority of local authorities, explosives licensing and registration is carried out by the Trading Standards Department. In others, it may be the Fire and Rescue Service or, in a few cases, the Environmental Health Department. For information about who is responsible in your area please check with your local council. Information about local councils is also available at www.direct.gov.uk.