

Extension of Licensing Renewal Dates

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During December 2005, the Minister for Safety and Security, Charles Nqakula, extended the 31 December 2005 cut-off date for the relicensing of firearms licences issued under the repealed Arms and Ammunition Act, 1969, to persons born between 1 January and 31 March of any particular year. The date was extended until 31 March 2006.

At the last Firearms Consultative Forum between the Minister and stakeholders, an appeal was made to the Minister to extend the 31 December cut-off date also in respect of the consecutive years (2006-2008) to 31 March of each following year.

The Minister, at the meeting, agreed to the request and indicated that a Notice to that effect would be published in the Government Gazette.

That Notice was published in the Gazette, Monday, 20 February 2006.

Therefore cut-off dates for relicensing of licenses issued under the Arms and Ammunition Act, 1969, are now as follows:

Date of birth: 1 January - 31 March
Renewal Period until 31 March 2006

Date of birth: 1 April - 30 June 1 January 2006
Renewal Period until 31 March 2007

Date of birth: 1 July - 30 September 1 January 2007
Renewal Period until 31 March 2008

Date of birth: 1 October - 31 December 1 January 2008
Renewal Period until 31 March 2009

Firearms licenses issued under the repealed Arms and Ammunition Act, 1969, will cease to be valid on 30 June 2009.

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