



Form 6590

Authorised Firearms Officer

THIS CARD IS NOT PROOF OF IDENTITY

Name:	
Warrant no:	W80
Date of issue:	10/4/14
AFO Annual Report date:	

Individual Officer's Responsibility: The ultimate responsibility for firing a weapon rests with the individual officer, who is answerable ultimately to the law in the courts. Individual officers are accountable and responsible for all rounds they fire and must be in a position to justify them in the light of their legal responsibilities and powers. Any discharge of a weapon other than in training, whether intentional or otherwise, must be reported by the officer concerned. The pointing of a firearm at any person may also constitute an assault and must also be reported and recorded.

Section 3 Criminal Law Act 1967
A person may use such force as is reasonable in the circumstances in the prevention of crime, or in the effecting or assisting in the lawful arrest of offenders or suspected offenders or of persons unlawfully at large. When making a determination as to whether the level of force used was lawful in any particular instance the courts will take cognisance of the articles under the ECHR.

Circumstances When Weapons May Be Fired:
Firearms are to be fired by AFOs in the course of their duty only when absolutely necessary after conventional methods have been tried and failed or must, from the nature of the circumstances, be unlikely to succeed if tried. (It is strongly advised that warning shots are a dangerous option as they may lead a subject or other officers to believe they are under fire or cause collateral injury.)

Oral Warning:
AFOs shall identify themselves as such and shall give a clear warning of their intent to use firearms with sufficient time for the warnings to be observed, unless to do so would unduly place any person at a risk of death or serious harm, or it would be clearly inappropriate or pointless in the circumstances of the incident.

Conditions of Authorisation

Authorisation Card (Form 6590/6590B):
Form 6590/6590B is issued to signify that you are a fully qualified Authorized Firearms Officer. As an AFO, you must ensure that all your mandatory authorisation requirements are valid at all times. If for any reason you are unable to fulfil these requirements, please inform your line manager or Personnel Unit immediately.

AFO Annual Report:
Your AFO Annual Report date will be entered on page 1 by your own firearms OCU. For newly qualified AFOs, the first Annual Report date must not be longer than one year from the date of issue. If an Annual Report date has been missed for any reason, the full procedure for annual re-authorisation must be complied with before you are allowed to resume firearms duties.

Relief from Firearms Duties:
As an AFO, you may relieve yourself from firearms duties at any time and for any reason, by submitting Form 6621 and your Authorisation Card to one of your line managers.

Annual Audiometry Assessment

As an AFO you are required to have an annual hearing test which should be valid at all times. If you are temporarily unable to take a test for any reason, you must report this immediately to your line manager, or Personnel Unit. Under no circumstance must you perform firearms duties, operationally or in training, without a valid hearing test pass. Your Personnel Unit will complete the table below when they receive your test results.

Personnel: Please refer to the OHT audio result sheet and enter the relevant dates below. Only record hearing test PASSES.

Date:	Expires:
ESB	30/9/14
ESB 23/9/14	SEPT 2015
ESB 17/9/15	SEPT 2016

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Annual Eyesight Test

As an AFO you are required to have an annual eyesight test, which should be valid at all times. If you are temporarily unable to take a test for any reason, you must report this immediately to your line manager, or Personnel Unit. Your Personnel Unit will complete the table below when they receive your test results. Correction of visual acuity by laser eye surgery may require you to be relieved from armed duties, pending a decision by the Chief Medical Officer.

Personnel: Please refer to the eyesight results sheet and enter the relevant dates below. Only record eyesight test PASSES.

Date:	Expires:
ESB	30/9/14
ESB 23/9/14	SEPT 2015
ESB 18/9/15	SEPT 2016

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Job Related Fitness Test – Annual Competency

As an AFO you are required to have an annual fitness test, at the level specified by your employing OCU, which should be valid at all times. If you are temporarily unable to take a test for any reason, you must report this immediately to your line manager, or Personnel Unit.

Your PTL will only issue a fitness test validation card if you have attained the level relevant to your role.

Personnel: Please enter relevant dates below.

Date:	Expires:
EST	30/9/14
EST 23/9/14	SEPT 2015
EST 18/9/15	SEPT 2016

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Weapons and Tactics Section

The following pages should be used to record the details of weapons practice and reclassifications, and tactical refresher training. This Authorisation Card will be endorsed by your firearms instructor on each of these occasions, if you meet the required standards. You must ensure that your weapons and tactics qualifications are maintained and valid at all times you undertake AFO duties and responsibilities.

Tactics

Date:	Expires:
1 JAN 2015	31 DEC 2014
1 JAN 2015	31 MAR 2015
31 MAR 2015	30 SEP 2015
1 OCT 2015	31 MAR 2016

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GLOCK	
Practice/Reclass:	Expires:
8 3 APR 2014	3 1 OCT 2014
24 JUN 2014	31 JAN 2015
24 SEP 2014	31 MAR 2015
03 MAR 2015	30 SEP 2015
01 MAR 2015	30 SEP 2015
09 JUL 2015	31 JAN 2016
01 AUG 2015	29 FEB 2016

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MP5 + PDW	
Practice/Reclass:	Expires:
8 3 APR 2014	3 1 OCT 2014
24 JUN 2014	31 JAN 2015
24 SEP 2014	31 MAR 2015
03 MAR 2015	30 SEP 2015
24 AUG 2015	29 FEB 2016

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GLOCK 19	
Practice/Reclass:	Expires:
24 JUN 2014	31 JAN 2015
24 SEP 2014	31 MAR 2015
03 MAR 2015	30 SEP 2015
09 JUL 2015	31 JAN 2016
24 AUG 2015	29 FEB 2016

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Practice/Reclass:	Expires:
24 SEP 2014	31 MAR 2015
09 NOV 2014	30 MAY 2015
01 JUN 2015	31 DEC 2015

SIG/MCX	
Practice/Reclass:	Expires:
08 SEP 2014	31 OCT 2014
24 JUN 2014	31 JAN 2015
24 SEP 2014	31 MAR 2015
19 NOV 2014	30 MAY 2015
31 MAR 2015	30 SEP 2015
19 JUL 2015	31 JAN 2016
24 AUG 2015	29 FEB 2016
07 DEC 15	30 JUN 16

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TASER	
Practice/Reclass:	Expires:
24 JUN 2014	31 JUN 2015
26 SEP 2014	31 SEP 2015
01 OCT 2015	30 SEP 2016

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This page may be used to record any additional information or stamps of authority.

Baton Gun

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SHOTGUN

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SHOTGUN

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