

NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED

Firearms Acts 1968 to 1997  
Young Persons: Guidance Sheet

	Under 18	Under 15	Under 14
<b>Purchase or hire any firearm (including shotguns and air weapons) or ammunition</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Possess a Section 1 firearm and ammunition</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> (see exceptions 1, 2 & 3 below)
<b>Receive a Section 1 firearm and ammunition as a gift</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Possess assembled shot gun and ammunition</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> (see exceptions 1, 4 & 5 below)	<b>No</b> (see exceptions 1, 4 & 5 below)
<b>Receive a shot gun as a gift</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Possess an air weapon</b>	<b>No</b> (see exceptions 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 below)	<b>No</b> (see exceptions 1,2,3, 4 & 6 below)	<b>No</b> (see exceptions 1,2, 3 & 4 below)
<b>Receive an air weapon as a gift</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Possess an air weapon in a public place</b>	<b>No</b> (see exceptions 1, 2,3 & 4 below)	<b>No</b> (see exceptions 1, 2,3 & 4 below)	<b>No</b> (see exceptions 1, 2,3 & 4 below)

**Exceptions:**

- (1) If carrying on behalf of the certificate holder (who is aged 18 years or over) and for the certificate holders sporting purposes only.
- (2) When part of an approved club or cadet corps.
- (3) On a Miniature Rifle Range.
- (4) Under the supervision of someone over 21 years old.
- (5) When the shotgun is in a securely fastened gun cover so that it cannot be fired
- (6) Unless on private property with the permission of the land owner. It is an offence for someone under this exception to fire any missile beyond the boundary of the premises unless with permission of the adjacent landowner.