RENEWAL OF FIREARM LICENCES: FIREARMS CONTROL ACT, 2000 (ACT NO 60 OF 2000)

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The purpose of the Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act no 60 of 2000) is to establish a comprehensive and effective firearm control system the management and enforcement of the legislation.	nat will enhance the
In a recently reported case, a man was found guilty in a magistrate's court for failing to renew his licence in time, as contemplated in the 2000. He was sentenced to two years' imprisonment or a fine of R10 000,00.	Firearms Control Act,
In terms of section 24 of the Firearms Control Act, 2000, a person who has been issued with a licence to possess a firearm, is obliged to least 90 days before its expiry date .	renew this licence at
Section 27 of the Firearms Control Act, 2000, provides for the period of validity of each type of licence and permit that is issued. These de	
the licence cards, as issued by the South African Police Service (SAPS). However, in terms of section 28 of the Firearms Control Act, 20 terminates on the expiry of the relevant period contemplated in section 27 of the Firearms Control Act, 2000, unless it is renewed in term Firearms Control Act, 2000.	
The firearm owner has the option of selling, donating or deactivating the firearm, which must be concluded before the relevant expiry date renewal has been lodged before the licence has expired, the existing licence remains valid until the application has been decided.	e. If an application for the
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The amnesty will focus on the following holders of firearms and/or ammunition in South Africa:
a) Persons in possession of illegal firearms and/or ammunition in circulation, including those involved in one or more criminal activities; and
b) Persons who inherited firearms and/ or ammunition and failed to comply with the provisions of the Firearms Controls Act.

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