



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
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FISH AND GAME PROTECTION ACT FIREARM SAFETY TRAINING REGULATIONS

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FISH AND GAME PROTECTION ACT
Chapter F-12
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Under authority of section 7 of the *Fish and Game Protection Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. F-12, Council made the following regulations:

1. Definitions

In these regulations

- (a) “**certificate**” means a firearm safety certificate issued under section 10 or an equivalent certificate issued in another province, state or country;
- (b) “**course**” means the firearm safety training course instituted by the Minister pursuant to section 2;
- (c) “**effective date**” means September 1, 1984;
- (d) “**firearm**” includes bows and arrows used for hunting;
- (e) “**game habitat**” means any water or land on or in which game or wildlife may be found, and the roads and highways thereon. (EC718/83; 429/92)

2. Training course

- (1) The Minister shall institute a firearm safety training course for the purpose of training designated classes of persons in the proper methods of hunter safety and the handling of firearms.

Idem

- (2) The course program and content shall be as directed by the Minister.

Idem

- (3) Except with the permission of the Minister, no person under the age of 12 years shall be permitted to take the course.

Idem

- (4) Applications for the course shall be made on the form approved by the Minister. (EC718/83)

3. Instructor

- (1) No person shall act as a course instructor unless authorized by the Minister to do so.

Idem

- (2) The Minister may authorize game officers and other officers of the Fish and Wildlife Division to act as course instructors. *(EC718/83)*

4. Fees

The Minister may determine the fee to be paid

- (a) by the department to any club or organization conducting the course on behalf of the department;
- (b) by any person registering in a course conducted by such club or organization. *(EC718/83)*

5. Refusal by Minister

The Minister may refuse any person who applies to take the course or may cancel or refuse to issue a certificate for any reason he considers necessary for the protection of the public. *(EC718/83)*

6. Requirement of Minister

The Minister may direct that any person, whether or not that person has previously been issued a certificate or has previously taken the course, be required to complete the course before being issued a hunting license. *(EC718/83)*

7. Issue of license

No vendor shall issue a hunting license to any person unless that person produces his certificate for inspection by the vendor. *(EC718/83)*

8. False document

No person shall produce a false document of any kind for the purpose of obtaining a certificate or hunting license. *(EC718/83)*

9. Possession of firearm, permit

Every person, other than a game officer while acting in the execution of his duties, who carries or is in possession of a firearm in a game habitat shall have a certificate in his immediate possession and shall produce the certificate for inspection upon the demand of a game officer. *(EC718/83)*

10. Requirements for certificate

- (1) Except with the permission of the Minister or his deputy, no person shall be issued a certificate by the department unless
- (a) he has successfully completed the course;
- (b) he produces proof of having successfully completed a firearm hunter safety course in another province, state or country, that is recognized by the Minister as equivalent to the course; or
- (c) he produces proof that he is an experienced hunter, and that prior to the effective date
- (i) he held a hunting license issued in the province, or



- (ii) was exempted under the Act from the requirement to hold such license.

Register

- (2) The department shall maintain a register of the holders of certificates issued under subsection (1).

Replacement certificate

- (3) The department shall issue a replacement certificate upon payment of such fee as the Minister may determine. *(EC718/83)*

11. Exceptions

These regulations do not apply to persons on the way to, from or while attending archery ranges, archery field courses or firearm ranges for the purpose of taking part in functions held on such ranges or courses. *(EC718/83)*

12. Offences

Any person who contravenes any of these regulations is guilty of an offence and liable to the penalties set out in section 59 of the Act. *(EC718/83)*