# Administration and Forms - Firearms Dealers

Details on the types of firearms dealership registration is set out below.

## Types of Firearms Dealership Registration

**1.  Dealer in Ammunition only**

This is registration to deal in the sale and purchase of ammunition for shotguns, unrifled airguns and rifled firearms of a calibre not exceeding .22 inches only.  The fee for registration is €75 for 3 years.  See steps below for more information on registering.

**2. Dealer in Firearms and Ammunition**

This is a general registration to deal in all non-restricted firearms.  This category would include paintball operators.  The fee is €1,000 for 3 years.  See steps below for more information on registering.

**3.  Authorisation to Trade in Restricted Firearms**

You must first be registered as a dealer in firearms and ammunition before you can apply for authorisation to deal in restricted firearms.  The fee is €500 for 3 years.

**Contact details:**

Please contact for more information on registering and an application form.

**Address:**

Firearms Unit

94 St. Stephen’s Green

Dublin 2

Or

**Email:** firearms\_inbox@justice.ie

**4.  Dealer in Realistic Imitation Firearms**

For dealers who sell realistic imitation firearms including airsoft and non-functioning replicas, this Register is currently been established. Pre-registrations are invited - see steps below for more information on registering.

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## Registering as a Firearms Dealer

1. Complete the [application form (PDF - 21KB)](http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Form%207.pdf/Files/Form%207.pdf)
2. Lodge it with the Garda sergeant of the sub-district where you reside.
3. An Garda Síochána will conduct a suitability report on your character.
4. A Crime Prevention Report will also be made on the location from which you intend to trade.  **Do not** undertake any of the Crime Prevention Officer's recommendations until the Minister writes to you provisionally agreeing to your registration.
5. When An Garda Síochána has completed both reports they will forward them to the Minister for Justice and Equality.
6. The Minister’s decision regarding your registration as a firearms dealer will be communicated to you in writing. Should the Minister’s decision be positive, you may start the building work in order to comply with the recommendations of your Crime Prevention Officer.
7. On confirmation of everything being in order, the Minister will request the registration fee.  This is currently €1,000 for a firearms and ammunition dealer or €75 for dealer who only sells ammunition.

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## Registering as a Dealer in Realistic Imitation Firearms

The Firearms and Offensive Weapons Act 1990 was amended by section 40 of the Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009.  It will, on the commencement of the legislation, be an offence for any person to import, manufacture, sell, repair, test, expose for sale, or possess for sale, repair or test by way of trade or business any realistic imitation firearm unless they are registered with the Department of Justice and Equality.

If you are running a business involving realistic imitation firearms, such as a shop selling airsoft guns or replicas, you should pre-register with us now.

1. Complete the [pre-registration form (PDF - 45KB)](http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pre-register%20as%20a%20dealer%20in%20RIFs.pdf/Files/Pre-register%20as%20a%20dealer%20in%20RIFs.pdf) giving your contact details.
2. Return it by post to the Firearms Unit of the Department of Justice and Equality, 94 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2 or by email to [firearms\_inbox@justice.ie](mailto:firearms_inbox@justice.ie).  We will be in contact with you shortly thereafter and will send you an application form once we establish the Register.