



A COMPETENCY

A4 PROCEDURE FOR RENEWAL OF COMPETENCY

Competency for firearms licensed under Section 15 or Section 15, is valid for 10 years from the date they were issued.

- If you have one handgun licenced under Section 13 of the Act for the purposes of self-defence, your competency is only valid for 5 year.
- If your handgun is licensed under Section 15 or 16 of the Act for sport shooting or hunting purposes, the handgun competency is valid for 10 years.
- If you own two handguns of which one is licensed under Section 13 and the other is licensed under Section 15 or 16 of the Act, your competency is valid for 10 years.

SA Hunters advises members to renew their competency that is valid for 10 years from the date of issue, or in case of one handgun licensed under Section 13, within five years.

The procedure for the renewal of a competency certificate is as follows:

Complete **SAPS 517 (g)** form (Application for the renewal of a competency certificate) in black ink. Download the form [here](#).

Include the following documents in your application:

- Two (2) certified copies of your ID document
- Copy of the competency certificate that you want to renew.
- Certified copy of your competency training certificate (*Statement of Results*)
- Previous PFTC and SASSETA training certificates are still valid.
- Proof of residence (not older than 3 months).
- Two (2) testimonials from family, friends or colleagues that confirm your character. (One testimonial must be from a family member, while the other must be from friends or colleagues.)
- Two (2) full colour passport photographs.
- Three (3) full colour photographs of your safe with the door closed, the door open, and one that shows the bolts with which the safe has been secured. (The photographs of the safe are not compulsory with the application of a competency certificate, but certain DFOs require it. Take it with, in case.)
- The DFO will take two (2) sets of fingerprints for the SAPS 91 fingerprint form.
- R84-00 cash.

The SAPS will process your renewal application and issue the competency certificate.

