

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1708
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

**The number of applications for firearms certificates from January 2016 to date.
The number granted and the number refused.**

If it would be possible I would like the information broken down by region.

In response to your request, since 2018 statistics from the police licensing system – SHOGUN, have been published annually by year from 01 April to 31 March. The data is held by processing centre.

Data is no longer available for the earlier years of your request, as such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

01 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

1006 applications received 42 refused.

Processing Centre	Granted	Refused
Aberdeen	158	9
Falkirk	33	0
Dundee	89	4
Edinburgh	31	2
Glasgow	209	9
Inverness	231	7
Glenrothes	134	6
Dumfries	79	5
Total	964	42

1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

843 applications received 14 refused.

Processing Centre	Granted	Refused
Aberdeen	81	3
Falkirk	35	0
Dundee	106	0
Edinburgh	23	0
Glasgow	164	3
Inverness	226	5
Glenrothes	131	2
Dumfries	63	1
Total	829	14

1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

741 applications received 13 refused.

Processing Centre	Granted	Refused
Aberdeen	17	0
Falkirk	39	1
Dundee	107	3
Edinburgh	7	0
Glasgow	148	0
Inverness	258	7
Glenrothes	91	0
Dumfries	61	2
Total	728	13

1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

897 applications received 23 refused.

Processing Centre	Granted	Refused
Aberdeen	21	0
Falkirk	17	0
Dundee	111	4
Edinburgh	23	0
Glasgow	208	8
Inverness	307	7
Glenrothes	122	2
Dumfries	65	2
Total	874	23

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Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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