| ,Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-3256Responded to: 16 October 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I wish to know if it’s part of the air gun licensing legislation that your need to obtain a medical proforma as you do with shotgun / firearm applications. I can’t find it in the legislation but a member at an air gun club assured me that he had too.

Regarding applications for an Air Weapons license, I can confirm that the requirement for a medical mandate is not standard, unless the applicant discloses something that Police Scotland then deem necessary for a medical mandate to be completed.

Examples of relevant medical conditions which may affect a person’s ability to safely possess and use air weapons are as follows.

* Acute Stress Reaction or an acute reaction to the stress caused by a trauma
* Suicidal thoughts or self-harm
* Depression or anxiety
* Dementia
* Mania, bipolar disorder or a psychotic illness
* A personality disorder
* A neurological condition: for example, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson’s or Huntington’s diseases, or epilepsy
* Alcohol or drug related abuse
* Any other mental or physical condition which you think may affect the safe possession of an air weapon.

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list and that each Air Weapons licensing application is assessed on a case-by-case basis.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by email or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by email or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible.
If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.