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- A. The National Head
DIRECTORATE FOR PRIORITY CRIME INVESTIGATION
- B. All Divisional Commissioners
SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE
- C. All Provincial Commissioners
SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE

**NATIONAL CRIME COMBATTING FORUM (NCCF) INSTRUCTION 10 OF 2019:
OPERATION FIREARM AMNESTY 2019/2020**

1. The Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act No. 60 of 2000) as amended (hereafter referred to as "the "Act") and the Firearms Control Regulations, 2004 (hereafter referred to as "the "Regulations") provide for the surrendering of firearms and/ or ammunition by persons in unlawful possession thereof during the amnesty period.
2. In terms of section 139 of the Act, the Minister may by notice in the Government Gazette declare an amnesty in order to allow any person who is in unlawful possession of illegal/unwanted *firearms, ammunition and/or firearm parts* the opportunity to surrender such without the fear of being prosecuted for the unlawful possession.
3. Section 139 (2) of Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act No. 60 of 2000) also provides that such amnesty will be valid if it is approved by Parliament.
4. The Parliament has approved the Firearm Amnesty 2019/2020 to commence from **01 December 2019 to 31 May 2020**.
5. **Objectives of the Firearm Amnesty 2019/2020 are:**
 - 5.1 To reduce the number of illegally possessed firearms in circulation in South Africa.
 - 5.2 To provide firearm owners with the opportunity to hand in unwanted firearms.
 - 5.3 To prevent crime, violence and to promote safety.
 - 5.4 To address the fundamental causes of crime in order to effectively protect our community.
 - 5.5 To ensure people living in South Africa feel safe and have no fear of crime.

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6. OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

6.1.1 The following are the operational guidelines:

6.1.2 **Guidelines:** Firearms Amnesty 2019/2020: Surrendering of illegal/unwanted firearms, ammunition and/or firearm parts by a person who is in unlawful possession thereof, the following procedure must be followed: Attached as per Annexure "A"

- Complete Amnesty Form
- Complete SAPS 522(a)
- Complete SAPS 522 (b)- Forfeiture of firearm
- SAPS 521- Notification of lost stolen/ found firearms
- Open SAPS 13 (f) firearm file
- SAPS 594-Success Capturing report
- Capturing on the OPAM System
- Forward report to PROVJOC
- Firearm IBIS testing (at Provincial Offices)
- PROVJOC to report at NATJOC.

6.1.3 All Provincial Commissioners must compile Firearm Amnesty 2019/2020 Operational plans and execute operations to ensure safety and stability during the implementation of Firearm Amnesty and consider the following:

- Provincial Centralized operational guidelines;
- Joint Operational Command and Control; and
- Operation to be intelligence driven;
- Provincial Crime Combating Forums to Monitor the Firearm Amnesty 2019/2020.

6.1.4 All signed operational plans to be forwarded to National Operational Command Centre before 12:00 on 29 November 2019 to the following contact details below:

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6.1.5 A Central Firearms Register desk will established at NATJOC for the duration of the operation under the command of Section Head: Firearms Compliance and Enforcement, Brigadier (Dr) LS Bopape can be contacted at 082 779 8729.

7 Members from Component: Firearms, Liquor and Second-Hand Goods Services will be deployed at the NATJOC during office hours for the duration of the operation.

8 All surrendered firearms must be **registered on the OPAM under "OPERATION FIREARM AMNESTY 2019/2020"**.

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10. Provinces are requested to dedicate members to this operation to ensure that there is a distinction difference between Operation Firearm Amnesty 2019/2020 and day to day operations.



**LIEUTENANT GENERAL
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