

EU residents visiting Northern Ireland

You must have a Visitor's Firearms Permit to allow possession or use of your firearm and ammunition in Northern Ireland, application to be made using Form 30/38, which needs to be submitted on your behalf by a 'sponsor' who is an NI resident, I am happy to act as you're sponsor.

You must send copies of the domestic firearms permits for the firearms intended to be held in Northern Ireland along with the application Form 30/38 and if you are an EU national then you must send your original European Firearms Pass with the application.

Applications must be received, at least, 6 weeks before the expected date of arrival. There is a fee of £16.00 for an individual visitor's permit or £80.00 for a grant of six or more in a group application.

An NI Visitor's Firearm Permit does not allow possession or use of your firearm in any other part of the UK.

European firearms pass

Citizens of the European Union may hold a European Firearms Pass which facilitates travel with listed firearms through EU Countries.

To travel to NI you need to get a Northern Ireland Visitor's Firearm Permit in addition to this.

Travel to Northern Ireland through Great Britain by air

Same Day Travel

The airline will keep your firearms and you will not get them back until you arrive in Northern Ireland.

Travel with a Stopover

You will need to make arrangements with "GB" HM Revenue and Customs to store the firearms, otherwise you will have to comply with GB firearm legislation.

Travel to Northern Ireland through Great Britain by land

You will require two documents:

- Northern Ireland Visitor's Permit (Form 30/38)
- Great Britain Visitor's Permit - Please request this from the Police Force for the area in GB you intend on travelling through.

If you cannot get a GB visitor's permit (which requires a GB sponsor) then the firearms may be transported by an agent (courier service) to the address in Northern Ireland where the firearms will be securely held during your stay. You will have to personally and legally accept delivery of your firearms from the agent at the specified address. If you are not there, the firearms will not be released.

Ferry companies and airlines

You still need to comply with the firearms legislation of the jurisdiction to which you are travelling. The ferry company or airline will also have its own regulations for the carriage of firearms and ammunition. You will need to speak to them before travelling.

TRAVELLING VIA THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND TO NORTHERN IRELAND

If you are a member of an EU state you must post your original European Firearms pass with the application form, all firearms on the application must be shown on your European Firearms pass. I am happy to submit the application on your behalf.

James Bowman

Secretary NITSA