

**U.S. Department of Justice**  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

## Application for Registration of Firearms Acquired by Certain Governmental Entities

**ATF Control Number:**

*(Submit in duplicate)* Please read instructions on reverse carefully before completing form.

TO: National Firearms Act Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, 244 Needy Road, Martinsburg, WV 25405

The undersigned hereby makes application to register to the governmental entity identified in this application the firearm describe below.

1. Name and Physical Address of Department or Agency Making Application to Register Firearm	27CFR 479.104 provides for limited registration of otherwise unregistrable firearms by certain governmental entities, for official use only. If this application is approved, it is with the condition that the firearm is for "OFFICIAL USE ONLY"
2. Mailing Address <i>(if different)</i>	3. Telephone Number <i>(Include Area Code)</i>
	4. Name of Agency Point of Contact
	4a. E-mail Address

## 5. Description of Firearm

a. Name and Address of Original Manufacturer and/or Importer of Firearm <i>(if any)</i>	b. Type of Firearm <i>(See definition)</i>	c. Caliber or Gauge <i>(Specify one)</i>	d. Model		
			e. Length <i>(Inches)</i>	f. Of Barrel:	g. Overall:
			h. Serial Number		

i. Additional Description *(Include all numbers and other identifying data to include maker's name, city and state which will appear on this firearm)*  
*(use additional sheet if necessary)*

## 6. Location Where Firearms is Usually Kept

7. From Whom was Firearm Received? *(For example, abandonment or from a Federal Surplus program such as 1033)*

I CERTIFY THAT the above described firearm is for OFFICIAL USE ONLY and that I have examined this application and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete.

8. Signature of Authorized Official <i>(See Instruction 1)</i>	9. Name and Title of Authorized Official	10. Date
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**Space below is for use by the Bureau of ATF - Please do not write below**

By authority of the Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives this application has been examined and the registration of the described firearm to the government entity described above is:

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Approved for Official Use</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Disapproved</b>	Remarks:
Authorized ATF Official	Date

### Special Notice

1. If a firearm is registered to the person from whom you obtained it, that person may submit ATF Form 5 for the tax exempt transfer of the firearm to you, in lieu of your submission of ATF Form 10. If the transfer is approved, the restriction on further transfer of the firearm which applies to firearms registered on ATF Form 10 would not apply.
2. Title 27 CFR 479.104 provides that any state, any political subdivision thereof, or any official police organization of such a governmental entity engaged in criminal investigations which acquires for official use a National Firearms Act weapon not registered to it such as by abandonment or by forfeiture, will register such firearm with the Director by filing ATF Form 10, Application for Registration of Firearms Acquired by Certain Governmental Entities, and that such

registration shall become a part of the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. Registration of such firearms has been required since passage of the original National Firearms Act in 1934. On April 15, 1971, the Supreme Court decided in the matter of U.S. vs. Freed, et al., and noted that, "only possessors who lawfully make, manufacture, or import firearms can and must register them." However, in order to assist law enforcement agencies, while curtailing the flow of "gangster type" weapons into interstate commerce, the cited regulation was promulgated to permit the limited registration of firearms by governmental entities for official use only. When registration of a firearm on this form by a governmental entity is approved, the Bureau will approve subsequent transfer of such firearm to another qualified governmental entity only, for official use. Otherwise, such firearm must be destroyed or abandoned to ATF.

### Instructions

1. Preparation of this form.
  - a. This form must be submitted in duplicate. The Form 10 may be photocopied or a computer generated version (*in the same format and containing all required information*) may be used. A fillable version for download is available at the ATF Website ([www.atf.gov](http://www.atf.gov))
  - b. Only one firearm may be listed on each form. If more, an attachment listing may be used, and the serial number field should be noted to reflect the attachment.
  - c. It is preferred that the original and carbon copy be typed, although pen and ink entries are acceptable.
  - d. The signature on *each* copy must be in ink by the agency head. If signed by another agency member, evidence of the delegation of authority must be provided.
  - e. Serial Number - If the firearm being registered does not bear a serial number, please contact the nearest Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives office to have an ATF serial number assigned and placed on the frame or receiver of the firearm prior to the submission of the form.
2. Disposition of this form - The applicant will forward the original and one copy of the form to the National Firearms Act Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, **244 Needy Road, Martinsburg, WV 25405, (304) 616-4500**. ATF will return the original form, showing approval or disapproval, to the applicant. Approval authorized by ATF will effect the registration of the firearm to the governmental entity. The approved form must be retained with the permanent records of the entity. Subsequent transfer of the firearm will be approved to another qualified governmental entity only.
3. Firearms Held for Use as Evidence - Firearms being held for use as evidence in a criminal proceeding need not be registered if they are to be destroyed or abandoned to ATF when no longer needed as evidence.

### Definitions

The following types of firearms, whether serviceable or unserviceable, fall within the purview of the National Firearms Act and must be registered to the possessor to be lawfully possessed:

1. Short-barreled shotgun - Shotguns with barrels less than 18 inches long or any weapon made from a shotgun having an overall length of less than 26 inches or a barrel less than 18 inches in length.
2. Short-barreled rifle - Rifles with barrels less than 16 inches long; or any weapon made from a rifle having an overall length of less than 26 inches or a barrel less than 16 inches in length.
3. Any other weapon - A weapon, except a conventional pistol or revolver having a rifled bore, capable of firing a shot and being concealed on the person. Examples include: "pen" guns ostensibly designed to expel tear gas but which fire fixed ammunition, H & R Handy Guns; Ithaca Auto-Burglar guns; cane guns; and gadget-type firearms.
4. Machinegun - Any weapon which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by single function of the trigger. The term also includes the frame or receiver of any such weapon, any combination of parts designed and intended for use in converting a weapon into a machinegun, and any combination of parts from which a machinegun can be assembled if such parts are in the possession or under the control of a person.
5. Destructive device - Destructive devices include explosive, incendiary (*including so called "molotov cocktails"*) or poison gas bombs, grenades, rockets, missiles, mines, and similar devices. Included in this category are anti-tank guns, bazookas and mortars and other military type weapons with a bore of more than one-half inch diameter, other than a sporting shotgun or shotgun ammunition.
6. Muffler or silencer - A device for silencing, muffling, or diminishing the report of any firearm including any part or combination of parts designed or redesigned, and intended for use in assembling or fabricating a silencer.

### Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

This form meets the clearance requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information you provide is used to properly identify the registrant and the firearms to be registered. The form when approved, registers the firearm to the law enforcement agency. The furnishing of this information is mandatory (26 U.S.C. 5853a).

The estimated average burden associated with this collection of information is 30 minutes per respondent or recordkeeper, depending on individual circumstances. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and suggestion for reducing this burden should be addressed to Reports Management Officer, Document Services Branch, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Washington, D.C. 20226.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.