

# Gun License Fees To Be Increased

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In an effort to minimize the number of illegal firearm and ammunition currently on the streets of our country, the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Belize Police Department today issued an advisory to all gun dealers and holders informing them of new fees being implemented for firearm certification.

The proposed increase which is expected to come into effect in the coming months will be added as follows:

License Carrier permit which is currently free of cost now has a proposed fee of three hundred dollars, Gun Repair Licenses which is also free of cost will now see a proposed fee of fifty dollars while Special Protection Licenses for Belizeans which currently holds a fee of seventy five dollars will carry a fee of two hundred and twenty five dollars and Special Protection Licenses for non-Belizeans is proposed to increase from five hundred dollars to one thousand five hundred dollars.

Other Licenses that will see changes is for Shot Gun Holders, specifically Belizean farmers will jump from five dollars to twenty five dollars, as well as heirloom license and training and certification license both of which are proposed to go from being free of cost to three hundred dollars per gun and lastly.

Of note is that the new fees will be applied to any subsequent renewal of licenses after the effective date and persons who already own a license will not be required to pay additional fees until the time of renewal.

Below are the proposed new firearm fees:

Item	Current Fees	Proposed fees
Gun Dealer Licence	\$650.00	\$650.00
Licence Carrier	none	\$300.00
Gun Repair Licence	none	\$50.00
Special Protection Licence for Belizean	\$75.00	\$225.00
Special Protection Licence for Non Belizean	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
Company Gun Licence	A-\$2,300.00 B-\$4,300.00 C-\$8,300.00 D-\$16,300.00	A-\$2,300.00 B-\$4,300.00 C-\$8,300.00 D-\$16,300.00
Security Guard Licence	\$25.00	\$25.00
Private Security Licence	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00
Sport Hunters Belizean	\$150.00	\$150.00
Sport Hunters Non Belizean	\$250.00	\$250.00
Shotgun holders Belizean (farmers)	\$5.00	\$25.00
Shotgun Holders non Belizean	\$250.00	\$250.00
Bullet Proof Vest	\$100.00 for any amount	\$100.00 per vest
Importation of a single firearm	\$200.00	\$200.00
Gun Dealers Importation Permit	\$200.00	\$200.00 per weapon up to 14 weapons on a single importation permit. For 15 or more weapons \$3,000.00 per permit
Heirloom Licence	none	\$300.00 per gun
Training and certification for Licence holders	none	\$300.00 per person

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