

# THE BLACK POWDER SHOOTING UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

*Formerly The Historical Firearms Shooting Union Founded in 1958*



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SOUTH AFRICAN BISLEY UNION (SABU)

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## NEWSFLASH NO 1 OF 2016 Dedicated Sportsman Status & Certificates

Dear BPSU members

I receive an increasing number of requests to "email me a new dedicated sportsman certificate" from members.

Unfortunately this is not how it works. If you have been issued a dedicated sportsman certificate in the past, you will see that it expires at the end of the year it was issued. If you need a new certificate, you need to apply for one. **You have to go through the exact same procedure as when you first applied** (as set out in Newsflashes over the past few years and on the BPSU website).

Please note that you **only need a new certificate if you apply for a new firearm**. If not and you keep up your required 6 points per year, you DO NOT need a new certificate. You also need SABU to endorse your application for a new licence, given that it is a calibre that SABU or the BPSU caters for – this goes directly to SABU and not through the BPSU.

Here is the process again – see also the [www.bpsu.co.za](http://www.bpsu.co.za) homepage, where you will find the application form, as well as **Newsflash 1 of 2014** detailing the entire process:

- Complete the **application form** and provide sufficient motivation (download from [http://www.bpsu.co.za/BPSU\\_DedicatedSport.html](http://www.bpsu.co.za/BPSU_DedicatedSport.html))
- Attach the following documents:
  - **Proficiency certificate** complying with the Unit Standards for handle and use of a Rifle, Handgun, Shotgun and/or Muzzle loader (**NOT ONLY Knowledge of the Firearms Act or for Renewal Purposes only!**)
  - **Competency Certificate for Muzzle Loading Firearms**
  - Letter from your **primary black powder shooting club** to confirm that you are a paid up member for the current year
  - Copy of **Identity Document**
  - Copy of **existing firearms licence** (if available)
  - Copy of previous **Dedicated Sportsman Certificate** (if available)

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- Proof of payment of **R50** into the BPSU bank account to cover postage to and from SABU
- **Dates, scores and details of ranges of official shoots attended during the preceding 12 months.** This will be verified against what is published on the BPSU website. Therefore, make sure that your club representative submits the scores on a monthly basis.
- Submit to the BPSU secretary for processing and recommendation by the BPSU chairman before submitting to SABU. The process is dependent on at least 4 different individuals and will therefore be influenced by the availability of these individuals (who are all in full time professional jobs). Do not wait until the last moment to apply and then expect the process to be finalised in a week's time. This can take up to 2 months ...
- **Applications that do not comply with these requirements will NOT be processed.**

Kind regards

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