

## **CONDUCTING OF BACKGROUND EVALUATION: APPLIATIONS FOR COMPETENCY CERTIFICATES (RENEWAL OF FIREARM LICENCES)**

1. The Firearms Control Regulations, 2004 provide for specific responsibilities to be exercised by the Registrar. Amongst these responsibilities there is an obligation on the South African Police Service to conduct background interviews with persons who may be associated with the applicant.
2. In order to effectively administrate the prompt and efficient handling and finalization of competency certificate applications, certain processes and procedures have been revisited to ensure a smoother work flow of the applications.
3. In order to streamline the background evaluation process of applicants who applied for the renewal of their firearm license, the following can be applied:
  - 3.1. A minimum of two (2) interviews may be conducted during the background evaluation.
  - 3.2. Both the interviews may be conducted by telephone or one interview in person and the other one by telephone.
  - 3.3. At least one interview must be conducted with the applicant's spouse/partner. In the case where the applicant does not have a spouse/partner, such interview must be with a family member.
  - 3.4. The other interview must be conducted with anyone other than the spouse/partner of the applicant.
4. The above process is only applicable to competency certificate applications that have been submitted by applicants who have also applied for the renewal of their firearm licenses in terms of the transitional provisions of the Firearms Control legislation.