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## CHASA Update on Firearm Amnesty

Dear CHASA Members and firearm owners

CHASA has been following the process which has resulted in the Govt. Gazette notice of a firearm amnesty due to run from 1 Dec 2019 to 31 May 2020. Our previous notice in this regard remains relevant.

If you have firearms which may require the use of the amnesty in order to legitimize them, particularly if your intent is to apply for a new license in order to retain the firearm/s we would suggest that at this point in time, and as a matter of extreme urgency, you ensure that you have or apply for a valid Competency Certificate. There remain some unanswered questions regarding the detail of the amnesty notice itself, which we will continue to monitor and advise on. But a competency application may take about four months to finalize (a previous court order gives SAPS 90 working days to finalize competencies) which will leave you just two months remaining of the amnesty period in which to hand in the firearm/s and the new application for the license. You have just 14 days from after actually handing in an amnesty application in which to hand in an application for a license to possess that firearm.

If you are already in possession of a valid and appropriate competency, we would suggest you still wait a short while for us to finally assess the terms of the amnesty and any potential variations that may be introduced as a result of the apparent process flaws relating to its gazetting and proclamation.

Kind Regards

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