

Cape Southern Africa Arms and Ammunition Collectors Association



Membership Application

Thank you for your request to apply for membership of the CAPE South African Arms and Ammunition Collectors Association. Herewith the relevant documentation for your attention.

You will notice the elaborate care and extent with which the application attends to prospective members' qualifying criteria. This is in order to safeguard the Association's integrity and good standing with the Authorities and Public at large on the mandate reflected by our association constitution and in terms of current Firearms legislation.

A firearm collector's application consists of two parts;

- (i) A Membership Application (Once off fee of R150,00 and the annual membership fee of R450,00)
- (ii) A Categorisation Application as a Private Collector Cat A/B/C. (Once off categorisation fee of R250,00)

It is imperative that you give serious and detailed attention to those questions relating to your motivation per collecting field and each collecting definition (FoI) in terms of what you collect (being very specific), and why you collect it. (Defining your area/field of interest.)

Your Field(s) of Interest and subsequent organogram serves a dual function, to substantiate your bona fides as a "Private Collector" (your subject knowledge) as well as establishing the integrity of your collection mandate which the Field of Interest eventually becomes (a "wish-list of pre-approved items that would complete your collection). That serves as a future mandate along which you will expand your collection as an active private collector. Drafting a well researched Field of Interest is also often the most under rated aspect of the application.

As such it requires applicants to invest quite some time in building above as the schedule within the Field of Interest must reflect the full spectrum mandated by the well defined Field of Interest heading. It follows that one must be careful in the Field of Interest wording in that it must not be open ended as that would require an enormous presentation covering all the possibilities.

As such it is required that the Applicant should attend a Membership Committee Workshop that explains the application process before drafting a submission. Contact the Office to schedule your attendance at a convenient date.

Special attention is drawn to the fact that we distinguish between firearm collectors and general militaria collectors, the Arms and Ammunition Act being the reason, as you are granted a membership certificate with great responsibility and application.

Please do not staple your application document. Make sure that all pages are numbered and that each page reflects your vital membership information. Also ensure that you included a certified copy of your ID doc as well as a colour passport photograph marked on the back with your name. Applications must be hand delivered to the registered Office or posted by registered mail. No electronic submissions or delivered to someone's home or handed in at monthly talk events. Incomplete applications will be returned. On receipt of your application and verification of it's completeness you will be asked to e-mail your Field(s) of Interest as well as corresponding motivation(s) to the Convener of our Membership Committee to facilitate the speedy processing of your application.

We have to submit annual Compliancy Reports to the SAPS Central Firearms Registry indicating the degree of active involvement of our members in our regular events. Next to remaining a paid up member, this is clearly the most critical criteria of you keeping your attained "good standing" status as a Private Collector.

Your due diligence and patience will be greatly appreciated, as no doubt your gun ownership already reflects.

Yours sincerely,

Stephan Fourie

S.F.Fourie
Chairman

Initials and surname of applicant:

B: General questions in terms of CAPE SAAACA membership.

1. **Membership of CFR accredited firearm-collecting bodies.**

a. Have you ever applied to any other collectors association for membership?

b. Has your membership ever been refused/cancelled at any other firearm collectors association? If so, please provide full details.

c. Are you currently a member of any other firearm collectors association

d. **If so, indicate which Association you wish to be your primary fiduciary association through which you wish to obtain your collectors firearm licensing at the SAPS CFR.** (Members cannot apply/use different association to validate firearm collections, and secondary membership costs only R250,00 p.a.)

2. Were you a 'Bona Fide' Collector under the old Act? If so attach certified copy of SAPS Bona Fide Collector Certificate, and indicate clearly which firearms you currently own, were licensed under the old Act as such.

3. Would you be able to **attend to at least four association (4) events in any year?** If not, supply reasons.

Initials and surname of applicant:	
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C: Arms & Militaria collectors

We are not simply an association for individuals who wish to own firearms for purely personal reasons, we consider our collections as heritage items of which we simply are the current custodians to preserve the rich cultural history we represent.

1. CAPE SAAACA accommodates Militaria and Historian disciplines as part of our wider and complementing interests. To that end various disciplines and complementing interest groups were formed within CAPE SAAACA to facilitate mutually complementing interests.

- SAMCA (Southern African Militaria Collectors Association),
- SAHA (Southern African Historian Association),
- CSWSA (Cape SAAACA Western Shooting Association)

were formed with full affiliation in CAPE SAAACA as semi autonomous Secretariats subject to our Constitution. This will be accommodated and facilitated at all our venues and shows. Others will be formed as interests crystallize. Interested parties pertaining to these secretariats may complete only the Application Form A, indicating their choice subject to the lower membership dues as non-firearm collectors.

2. Do you have any other collecting interests that may be associated with Arms collecting? Please detail.-

3. Do you have any other related interests? (Please detail.)

D: Serving SAAACA:

Remember that we are administrated and managed by volunteers and can only be as affective as YOUR involvement, so please become involved in any small way possible.

1. Would you be prepared to serve in any committee? Please indicate in which capacity and availability.
2. Do you have any infra structures or particular skills that SAAACA could utilize?

It is CAPE SAAACA's mission to promote a network amongst its members from its members to its members. How would you be able to assist in this? Any mutually beneficial product, service, or availability of resources.

E: Notes on what comprises a Private Collector and what processes are involved in pursuing your hobby;

1. Separate to this application and independent from us, you first and foremost must obtain your "Proficiency Certification" from a Seta service provider on all weapon types you wish to own. (Private Collector's licences other than casual firearm owners' firearm licences are valid for a period of 10 years and not 5 years. Clearly indicate that fact on your SAPS 517, 517e or 271 licence application form) Then apply to the SAP CFR on a SAP 517 to be declared competent to own a firearm. On approval, you will be issued a Competency card.
2. The SAPS delegated some of their functions to accredited collecting associations such as CS, who have to apply due process as part of their mandate.
3. Firstly, you have to be approved in terms of the FCA as a Private Collector by the relevant accredited association.
4. This involves three separate steps, your membership application, having your Field of Interest (FoI) approved and being categorised as a Category A/B/C collector. (A = prohibited firearms, B = restricted firearms, C = std firearms.)
5. In terms of this an accredited collectors association needs to establish two primary criteria to qualify an applicant as a prospective member and to be able to categorise the applicant on strength of what is included in the collection (initial applicant cannot be considered higher than a Cat C Collector, to become a Cat B/A Collector, one has to resubmit within a year to motivate the necessity);
 - a. The applicant's bona fides as a private collector that also reflects upon his topic or subject knowledge as a collector
 - b. That the applicant has a valid "Field(s) of Interest" pertaining to the firearms so reflected.
6. Copies of above duly approved/stamped/signed by CS along with a sworn avadavat declaration letter issued by the CS Chairman regarding your approved Field of Interest, you need to submit to the CFR as part of your license applications.
7. Private Collectors need to retain their membership in "good standing" as required by the FCA and described in the Association's constitution, which includes complying with our constitution that members must participate in at least four events per calendar year, remain paid up and not fall foul of any disqualifying legal offence which would jeopardize your firearm licence. This is duly reflected on your annual membership card.
8. All accredited associations need to submit annual compliancy registers on their members in good standing and report any member who subsequently has forfeited that status for whatever reason. This will adversely affect your firearm licence status with the SAPS, so be diligent and keep you compliant!
9. Over and above that and as members wish to add to their collection, they need to obtain a "Collectibility Certificate" from their Association on additional new pieces, declaring the intended piece as valid within the previously approved, signed and date stamped "Field of Interest". (Additional application as need arises)
10. The following membership documents apply in the life of a member;
 - a. Membership Certificate indicating Category status
 - b. Approved, signed and date stamped Field of Interest Organogram.
 - c. Field of Interest sworn avadavat declaration by Chairman referring to above.
 - d. Annual membership Card, which amongst other indicates your "Good Standing Status"
 - e. Certificate of Collectibility on future additional acquisitions as you develop your collection.
11. Members may also add changes to their current approved "Field of Interest" for which they need to obtain approval by submitting a Review "Field of Interest" Application. (Additional fees apply)
12. Members at any future stage add may add further additional separate "Fields of Interests" as their interests evolve. Same as above and fully motivated as per original Field of Interest Schedule.
13. It is important to bear in mind that should you wish to belong to more than one accredited collecting body, that it is imperative that you indicate clearly which association constitutes your primary membership (and thus responsible to issue your certifications) and which will be your secondary social association membership.

(If after reading this, you are left thoroughly confused you will understand why we require applicants to attend a scheduled Membership Committee Workshop meeting.)

F: Qualifying criteria for consideration as a Private Collectors and how to prepare your application:

This process can be seen as a research thesis on par with the SETA NQF dedicated hunters course required to become a dedicated hunter.

1. Complete and submit a single copy of the application. (Sign ALL pages) We must receive original signed copies, and not faxed or e-mail copies, which can electronically be altered. The FoI must additionally be submitted electronically in Excel format to capesaaaca@sfa.co.za pending its final approval at which date the applicant will be requested to submit three (3) signed copies of each Motivation and FoI Schedule.
2. A cheque or direct payment (attach proof of payment) for the membership fees. In event of EFT or direct deposit, ensure that you reflect the following reference, "your initials and surname along with the year.
3. Provide a **copy of your competency certificate** in terms of the Firearms Control Act 60 of 2000. (In the interim until 2009, we will provisionally accept the Proficiency certificate issued by your POSLECSETA accredited service provider, subject to you subsequently submitting your final competency certificate.) Such approvals will be probationary and only vest once we received a certified copy of the duly approved Competency Certificate.
4. Provide a certified copy of your identity document.
5. Attach a colour passport photograph marked on the back with your name.
6. Attend a Membership Committee Workshop where the process and format structure will be explained fully. (Exceptions will only be considered for rural applicants living some distance from the Office.)
7. Draft a motivation in text word format explaining along chronological lines how you grew from a novice to the point of deciding that you wish to become a formal private collector, explaining your INTEREST at this point and clearly define your chosen FIELD of collection. (Follow the line to illustrate at each statement the reason for that point and qualify why you made that decision. This serves to validate your bona fides by illustrating your motive and intent.) This serves to explain and establish two aspects, (i) your bona fides as a Private Collector and (ii) the validity of your Field of Interest.
8. From the motivation extract and define the salient qualifying points that formulate your Field of Interest heading as your collecting mandate, which clearly reflects the collection value attributes and parameters defining the extent of the chosen FIELD. (This forms the anchor point of your whole application against which everything else is tested.) This has to reflect two aspects, (i) the basis of your collecting interest and (ii) the defined extent of your field.
9. Draft a FoI Schedule in Excel illustrating the full scope of your collection including both what you already own as well as that you eventually would wish to add to complete the stated scope of collection. This serves as your future blue print and serves to illustrate to what extent you truly know your chosen subject matter.
10. To save time and resources submit 12, 13 & 14 in electronic format to the Office for preliminary evaluation by the Membership Committee and post the rest of your application docs to our Offices.
11. ON approval of above, submit THREE printed copies on each valid Field of Interest(s) making sure you indicate in the top left hand corner of each page (i) your full names and surname, (ii) identity number, (iii) residential address and (iv) your CS membership number if already allocated. Please make sure you sign below each page. (We stamp and certify all three, returning two for you records of which one should accompany your relicence application to the SAPS.)

SEE SPECIMAN SCHEDULE PAGE IN EXCELL

FURTHER EXPLANATORY NOTES ON ABOVE:

Ensure that you indicate ON EACH page of the schedule your vital membership details as required. Do not deviate from prescribed format. Left top corner of each page. Your full names and surname, your identity number, followed by your street address and then your CS membership number (this will be allocated to you on receipt of your initial application docs minus the motivation and Fol schedule).

First, motivate in a concise considered letter adhering to the prescribed format and layout the development of the each "Field of Interest" (F.o.I.) of each of your collection(s) along logical and valid lines. (The describing part) It has to be logical and valid in terms of the stated "interest field". Start from the point where your interest originally were stimulated in firearms as opposed to any other matter, how and why it grew to the point where you realized that you actually started to think about it in a more structured manner, and ending in actually defining it down to a specific focused theme area which would constitute your chosen Field of Interest. As you explain each step as your interest unfolded, illustrate the reason why you made that particular decision. This serves to validate your bona fides as a private collector. As you progress towards explain how your interest formalized around a specific chosen and defined "field", you must clearly state the qualifying selection criteria that serves to define the limitation of that defined field. It must not be open-ended or vague, and must explain what is to be included/excluded, and as such it must define the qualifying parameters and value attributes which constitutes the collection. Under this, bring the "why" in as a qualifying preface to the "what" you describe as your collection. I.e. the "why" would be the technology of semi-auto pistol blowback actions, and the "what" the various types you identified, etc. Be careful to develop such an open-ended collection that it implies possible 1000's of items! DO NOT END UP GIVING TECHNICAL DETAIL THAT ANYBODY COULD COPY AND PASTE and which certainly doesn't serve to substantiate your bona fides as a Private Collector.

[It must start logically and build through a chronological storyline of the applicant's evolution from a novice point culminating in a mature well defined F.o.I. heading that exactly states what he intends including.](#)

From this summarize the heading for that particular Fol reflecting both the *why* as the value attribute and the *what* as the scope of the field of interest indicating clearly the defined criteria along inclusive/exclusive parameters as to what you intend to include. This cannot be *open-ended*, as it in turn would then require such an extensive substantiating schedule that it simply would be nearly impossible.

State the specific **collecting category** on which the collection is based. (Read in conjunction with relevant NAACCSA addendum, i.e. Historical, Technological, Thematic, etc.) It may include more than one category criteria as long as it is valid and forms a cohesive unity.

Then build your **Fol schedule** following logical valid steps to include and represent the full extent covered within the implied Fol.

It must be drafted in such a manner to allow you to reflect what you already own and what you would still like to acquire to complete that particular Field of Interest. This will also go a long way towards establishing your bona fides as a collector.

Structure the particular "Field of Interest" schedule, breaking it into logical type "groups" or themes, and even further down into sub themes if so required. Keep on breaking it down into groups as long as it rationally describes the differences. It should end with each individual firearm reflecting the type, make, model, caliber and serial number of each. At no stage may the same firearm models be duplicated in the collection without manufacturer-recognized differences, which, without substantial reasons, may neither be only esthetic of nature.

Once you have broken the Field of Interest down as far as it could be DESCRIBED, go over to the next part, adding a sequential numbered list of firearms under each eventual group/theme following the numbering pattern your Field of Interest suggested. Throughout follow a numerical logical numbering system working down from the relevant Fol 1, Fol 2, etc.

In this reflect at least the following data on each item in column format; (items marked with an * where variations apply as some manufacturers produced different makes weapons. i.e. Mauser K98 manufactured in Germany by DWM and Belgium by FN, etc)

Fol Schedule columns

Schedule number	E.g. 1.3.4.18
Serial number. (Omitted on items not yet acquired)	WR 12345
Type	Bolt action rifle
Make	Mauser K98
Model	Karabiner 98 Kurz ZB
Manufacturer*	Zbrojovka Brno
Country	Chekoslovakia
Caliber	7.92x57
Notes	

Where you find that you need to discern more or are unable to nominate now, e.g. as where the same model were manufactured in various countries and therefore manufacturers, simply include another column "Note" and under this nominate the various options e.g. "FN/Brno", and under "Manufacturers" reflect "either of". Apply this to any other similar variations which may arise. Always be thorough AND use the correct accepted arms industry nomenclature. It follows therefore that your research has to be thorough.

Your collection (F.o.I.) covers both what you already own and what you intend adding later as it has to reflect the full spectrum of your implied defined Fol. In the case of not yet owned items, you logically would only omit the serial number. This allows you to cover the full field of your intended collection including both what you currently own as well as what you wish to add in the future as opportunity permits. This allows an accurate assessment to what extent you actually know your chosen field AND already establishes your upfront approved future collection additions, making future life much more easier not having to reinvent the wheel every time as your collection grows.

Please ensure that you number your schedule numerically as per Addendums 2 & 3. (Differentiate between what you own and intend adding to your collection in the future by including/omitting the serial number as relevant.) Each firearm must have its own designated schedule number.

Fields of interest may develop over time and a Collector at any time in the future may apply for his collector status to be re-evaluated to include restricted or prohibited firearms in terms of the FCA criteria.

Initially no one will be categorized higher than what he held under the previous regime. This may be reviewed on merit after one year if the Member remained in good standing. (Refer Categorisation Review Application Form)

Collectors may also have more than one collection or Field of interest, each with its own themes and sub themes.

Should Collectors wish to add further pieces to their collection, they must apply to the Membership Committee to have that piece evaluated in terms of the approved Field of Interest as Collectible. (Required format application available on request) This would make future further additions to your collections easy to motivate, as you would simply indicate where in your numbered schedule the particular new acquisition fits in with its own motivation.

E.g., I wish to purchase a Ruger .22 Mark 2 stainless pistol, which would be No: 1.1.2.1 in my organogram. Also, supply all make, model and serial numbers of all pieces in each collection next to its description.

Example of collection categories reflecting the basis of your interest that determines the field: The following categories could be used as the basis of a Field of Interest;

Historical (the study of past events or artifacts, normally considered together, especially of a particular period, country or subject),

Heritage (used in this sense as defined in the National Heritage Resources Act - i.e. a piece of a certain Group or Nation's 'National Estate' such as the personal firearm of a well-known historical figure) (note that 'Heritage' should most times not be confused with 'inheritance' (family heirlooms) which is dealt with separately in the FCA),

Technology (significant design and development milestones or action types),

Thematic (items used in a particular movie series, e.g. John Wayne or James Bond movies, etc.)

Culture (the role that the firearm has played in society in certain groups or nations - "Die Boer en sy Roer" is an interesting example),

Educational (e.g. the impact of different types of firearms on military tactics over the last 200 years),

Note:

Incomplete applications cannot be properly considered and will be returned pending complete submission.

Addendum 1:

Forms which should accompany Collector licence application to the SAPS CFR DPO.
(South African Police Services Central Firearm Registrar Designated Firearm Officer. ;)

1. 4 Colour passport photographs.
2. 3 x Certified copies of;
 - a. SETA Service Provider Proficiency Certification per firearm type (Handgun/Rifle/Shotgun/carbine) or your SAPS Competency Licence.
 - b. Firearm licences
 - c. Identity document
3. Details of 3 references of spouse/partner/neighbour/friend.
4. Completed SAPS 517e (in case of renewals) or SAP 271 (in case of new licence applications).
5. Completed Annexure A per firearm, including the below mentioned motivation” wording.
6. 3 certified copies of your Cape SAAACA membership card declaring your “good standing” status.
7. 3 Copies of your Cape SAAACA date stamped and signed field of interest organograms.
8. Chairman certified-declaration letter confirming your private collector category status and approved Field of Interest.
9. If applying to be declared “Competent”, include R70,00.
10. R70,00 (cash only!) for every renewal or new firearm licence.

Once approved by Cape SAAACA you do not need to motivate each piece again to the SAPS CFR DFO, but simply content with the following paragraph under Para C of the Annexure A document for each firearm application that accompanies your licence application (SAPS 517e or 271) to the SAPS CFR.

Annexure A Paragraph C Motivation:

Refer attached Motivation & Field of Interest No: ?, Organogram item no: ???.??? [Reflect appropriate numbers from your actual FoI Schedule]

Duly stamped/dated/signed ??/??/???? [Date stamped on actual FoI]

Refer attached CAPE SAAACA Chairman sworn avadavat and membership card confirming applicant’s Good Standing.

This firearm has been duly considered and approved as collectible by CAPE SAAACA (Accredited VAR 1300077).

Addendum 2:

Full names and surname: James Bond
 Identity Number: 500101 0094 009
 CS Mem No: B 007
 Registered address: 1 Artillery Str, Gunville, 0001

Field of Interest 1
Collecting Category: Historical #1
Bolt action and assault rifles used by the Swiss Army #2
 between 1889 and 2000 limited to one working copy of each type

Sch No:	Ser. No:	Type	Make	Model	Manufacturer	Country	Caliber	Notes
1.1		Bolt action rifle	Schmidt-Rubin Rifle	Infanteriegewehr Mod 1889	W&F Bern	Switzerland	7.5x53.5mm Swiss	Straight-pull bolt action repeating rifle
1.2	WR 12345	Bolt action rifle	Swiss Karabiner	Mode 1931	Eidgenossische Waffenfabrik	Switzerland	7.5x55mm Swiss	#3
1.3		Automatic assault rifle	SIG SG 510	Stgw 57	Schweizerische Ind Gesellschaft	Switzerland	Either of*	* 7.5x55 Swiss or 7.62x51 Nato #4
1.4	987654	Automatic assault rifle	SIG SG 550	Stgw 90	Swiss Arms AG	Switzerland	5.6mm Gw Pat 90	

NOTES:

- #1** Choose most appropriate category from the list given.
- #2** The definition specifies clearly and in concise terms the type of weapons to be included. It further defines the collecting parameters to a given period based on the collector's interest area. It narrows the field further by not including various models on each type, but limits it to one specimen per type. Alternatively if so desired and if the interest extends to a more comprehensive field, it could include various models, but then it should apply consistently to all types.
- #3** Highlight in bold those weapons already owned.
- #4** If the item is subject to a choice of any of its attributes, which the collector at this stage cannot accurately predetermine based on what he might find, simply indicate the possible alternatives as indicated. Could apply to any of the headings such as manufacturer or caliber. In that case use subsequent columns Notes 1 / Notes 2, etc.