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What if you find or inherit a weapon?

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If you find or inherit a weapon, it depends on whether you want to keep it or not.

What applies to you ?



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You want to give up the gun

You must **divest you of the weapon** in a **three-month period**.

You have **5 possibilities** to divest yourself of the weapon:

- Sell the gun to a gunsmith
- Sell the firearm to an individual through a licensed dealer or broker
- Hand the weapon over to a gunsmith for destruction (a fee the gunsmith can charge)
- Hand the weapon over to a police station or gendarme brigade for destruction or valorization. You must complete and sign the cerfa form no. 11845 (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R16883?lang=en>) .
- Deposit the weapon with a gunsmith designated by the State, for destruction or recovery (**attention** : experimentation with this method of divestiture is interrupted until further notice).

When you relinquish the weapon, you must present to the professional a **valid identity document**. For example, national identity card, passport.

Please note

Failure to comply with the rules on the divestment of a weapon shall be punished by a fine of **€750**

You want to keep the gun

Category A or B weapon

You're a hunter

You have a valid hunting license

You must **create an account in AIS** if you have not already done so **and declare the weapon in your digital rack**.

Weapons Information System (AIS) - Owner Space (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R61698>)

You must **hand over the gun to a gunsmith** in a **three-month period** from the declaration of the weapon.

That gunsmith **keeps the weapon for 1 year**.

Before the end of this 1 year period, you must **obtain authorization to possess such a weapon**.

You can get a detention permit to practice sport shooting (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2250?lang=en>) or if you are exposed to serious risks to your safety as a result of your professional activity (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33639?lang=en>) .

If you don't get permission to detain before the end of the 1 year period, **you have to get rid of the gun.**

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You're fired as a sports shooter

You have a valid license for sport shooting issued by the French Shooting Federation

You have the required authorization to possess this weapon

You do not have to take any steps if you have a valid license from the French Shooting Federation for shooting practice.

Make sure, however, that you have not reached the maximum number of weapons allowed through your SIA account.

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You have the required authorization to possess this weapon but you have reached the maximum number of authorized weapons

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Before the end of this 1 year period, you must comply with the rules on arms quotas.

If you do not do so before the end of the 1-year period, **you have to get rid of the gun.**

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You don't have the required authorization to possess this weapon

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You are licensed to practice ball-trap or biathlon

You have a valid ball-trap or ski (biathlon) federation sports license

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You have a collector's card

You have a valid collector card

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You're in a different situation

You have not licensed shooting, ball-trap or ski federations (biathlon) to hunt, collect, or hold a valid sports license.

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Category C weapon

You're a hunter

You have a valid hunting license

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You're fired as a sports shooter

You have a valid license for sport shooting issued by the French Shooting Federation

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Weapons Information System (AIS) - Owner Space (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R61698>)

You are licensed to practice ball-trap or biathlon

You have a valid ball-trap or ski (biathlon) federation sports license

You must **create an account in AIS** and **declare the gun online**.

Weapons Information System (AIS) - Owner Space (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R61698>)

You must attach a copy of your sport license for shooting, ball-trap or biathlon to the declaration.

You have a valid collector card

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You must **create an account in AIS** and **declare the gun online**.

Weapons Information System (AIS) - Owner Space (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R61698>)

You must attach a copy of your valid collector's card to the return.

You're in a different situation

You have no license to hunt, no collector's card, no sports license from the shooting, ball-trap or ski (biathlon) federations in force

You must **create a SIA account** (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R61698?lang=en>) and **declare the weapon online**.

You must attach to the return in a **three-month period** one **medical certificate**.

The medical certificate must **less than one month old** and certify that your physical and mental health is consistent with the possession of Class C weapons.

Weapons Information System (AIS) - Owner Space (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R61698>)

If you do not provide the medical certificate within 3 months, you will receive a order from the prefect to divest you of the weapon (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F37333?lang=en>) .

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Who can help me?

Find who can answer your questions in your region

Statute and miscellaneous references

Internal Security Code: Articles L312-1 to L312-6

(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000025503132/LEGISCTA000025505572?lang=en)

Rule for a Class A or B weapon (Article L312-4)

Internal Security Code: Articles R312-50 to R312-51-1

(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000025503132/LEGISCTA000029655197?lang=en)

Rule for a Class A or B weapon (section R312-51)

Internal Security Code: Articles R312-52 to R312-59

(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000025503132/LEGISCTA000029655205?lang=en)

Rule for a Class C weapon (section R312-55)

Internal Security Code: Articles R312-74 to R312-76

(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000025503132/LEGISCTA000029655267?lang=en)

Divestiture of the weapon

Article R312-91 of the Internal Security Code

(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000025503132/LEGISCTA000045143450?lang=en)

Customized Account Holder in the Weapons Information System (AIS)

Internal Security Code: Articles R317-1 to R317-8

(https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000025503132/LEGISCTA000029655479?lang=en)

Sanctions

Order of 21 February 2024 amending the Order of 8 February 2022 implementing Articles R. 312-91 of the Internal Security Code and 8 of Decree No. 2022-144 of 8 February 2022 - SIA (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000049184328/?lang=en>)

Order of 8 February 2022 implementing Article R. 312-91 of the Internal Security Code and Article 8 of Decree No. 2022-144 of 8 February 2022 - account holders of weapons in the AIS (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000045141682?lang=en>)

Order of 15 November 2000 laying down the procedures for the destruction by dealers of 1st and 4th category weapons and of 5th and 7th category weapons subject to declaration (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/LEGITEXT000005630187?lang=en>)

Online services and forms

Weapons Information System (AIS) - Owner Space (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R61698?lang=en>)

Online service

Declaration of abandonment by an individual of weapons and ammunition to the State

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R16883?lang=en>)

Form

Class C firearm - Declaration of acquisition, sale, transfer or possession
(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R1501?lang=en>)

Form

FAQ

Weapons: what are the different categories? (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F31877?lang=en>)

What to do in case of theft or loss of a weapon? (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2255?lang=en>)

How do you give up a weapon and get rid of it? (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F37333?lang=en>)

Possession of a weapon: should you report your change of address?

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F31661?lang=en>)

Who can carry and carry a gun? (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2252?lang=en>)

Upgraded weapon: how to regularize your situation? (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F31664?lang=en>)

Additional topics



Arms (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N287?lang=en>)

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