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Subject: RE: Questions

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Hello XXXXX,

Thank you for your inquiry of March 13, addressed to Deputy Minister Geddes pertaining to the Domestic Violence measures provided for in former Bill C-21. Happy to respond and follow up on any further questions.

When section 6.1 of the *Firearms Act* comes into force on April 4, 2025, if an individual has been convicted of an offence involving the use, threat or attempt of violence against an intimate partner or family member, they will be rendered ineligible to hold a firearms licence. **This will only apply to new applicants and existing licence holders who have been convicted of one of these offences on or after this section comes into force as the law.**

As a result, an individual who applies for a licence and who has been convicted of these offences on or after April 4, 2025 will have their licence application refused by the Chief Firearms Officer. **In the case of an existing licence holder who has been convicted of these offences on or after April 4, 2025, a Chief Firearms Officer will be authorized to revoke the licence.**

For prior convictions of these offences (before April 4, 2025), a Chief Firearms Officer will still be required to assess eligibility to hold a licence – for either a new applicant or existing licence holder - in accordance with existing eligibility criteria set out in subsection 5(2) of the *Firearms Act*. The Canadian Firearms Program has advised that Chief Firearms Officers routinely refuse or revoke a firearms licence in instances where convictions for such offences are brought to their attention when determining an individual's eligibility.

Please note that a copy of the Order in Council that will bring into force section 6.1 of the *Firearms Act* will be published alongside an Explanatory Note in *Canada Gazette, Part II* on March 26, 2025.

Thank you again for your question, and please let me know if you require any further information.

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Subject: RE: Questions

Hello XX XXXXX,

The March 7, 2025, deck refers to one of the C-21 measures related to domestic violence as follows: “Effective April 4, 2025: - a firearms licence will not be issued for those individuals who have been convicted - on or after April 4, 2025 - of an offence involving the use, threat or attempt of violence against an intimate partner or any family member”

However, the law states: “6.1 Subject to section 70.3 and the regulations, an individual is not eligible to hold a licence if they are subject to a protection order or have been convicted of an offence in the commission of which violence was used, threatened or attempted against their intimate partner or any member of their family.”

We were told that this is a retrospective measure, meaning it’s not just individuals that are convicted from now on, but also those who have been convicted in the past.

However, the text in the deck seems to exclude past convictions from the ineligibility status.

Can you confirm that the ineligibility applies to all convictions, past and future, and that CFOs and other key stakeholders will be informed of this?

Thanks

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