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MAINTAINING YOUR DEDICATED HUNTER AND/OR SPORTS-PERSON STATUS

DEDICATED STATUS

As a dedicated hunter or sports shooter, your firearms are more than just tools—they're a way of life, an expression of passion, and a commitment to the sport you love. Maintaining your Dedicated Hunter and/or Sports-Person status is crucial for the legal ownership of your section 16 licensed firearms. At Natshoot, we aim to make this process as straightforward as possible by outlining the steps needed to retain your dedicated status. Here's what you need to know to stay compliant annually. *Here's how to make sure you stay compliant and continue enjoying your firearms without interruption.*

2 SIMPLE STEPS

Step 1: Ensure Your Membership Fee is Paid Annually

Make sure your annual membership fee is paid by the last day of your enrollment month. For example, if you renew in June, look out for a payment notice in May. Settle your dues, and your membership stays active until the same time next year. Simple, straightforward, and easy to remember!

Step 2: Record Your Activities Annually

You need to complete TWO hunting-related or TWO sport shooting-related activities every year before the end of your birthday month. Remember, these activities must be logged on separate days—the date counts, not the number of targets you hit. Doing this keeps your status secure for another year, so you can keep your focus on what really matters: the thrill of the hunt or the challenge of the range.

UNDERSTANDING THE REQUIREMENTS

1. Single Membership Fee: Whether you're a dedicated hunter, sports shooter, or both, the fee remains the same—just one payment annually.
2. Recognized Activities: At Natshoot, we recognize any hunting or sport shooting activity you participate in globally as long as the activity is supported by the relevant documentation.
3. Confirmation Documents:
 - Hunting Activities: Preferred documents include a Permission to Hunt and Transport Game Meat letter from the farmer or game ranch owner (or use the NHTA Hunt Confirmation document). Clear photos of the hunt are acceptable if they clearly depict the hunting activity.
 - Sport Shooting Activities: Include a photo of your targets, a receipt from the range, or a score sheet from your events. Keep it straightforward—pictures of just firearms don't count.
4. Valid Activities: All activities must be legally compliant, clearly firearm-related, clearly related to hunting or sport shooting.
5. Can't Get Out This Year? No Problem! If you cannot participate in any hunting or sport shooting activities in a given year for valid reasons, you may submit a Non-Active Report. This ensures we have a record to provide to SAPS should they request an inspection of our dedicated compliance register.

LOGGING YOUR ACTIVITIES – QUICK AND EASY TIPS

1. Postal Target Shooting: This counts automatically toward maintaining your dedicated sports-person status. Remember, you can decide if your rifle postal targets apply to hunting or sports status when entering scores.
2. Air Pistols and Rifles: Air rifles and pistols with a calibre of 5.56mm or larger count as firearms and will keep your dedicated status intact. Smaller calibres won't count but will still appear on your activity report.
3. Dates Matter: Each visit to the range or hunt is a single activity. Want to log multiple activities? Make sure they're on different days.

ENTER ALL YOUR ACTIVITIES: EVERY SHOT COUNTS!

Whether you're hunting kudu in the Karoo or knocking down gongs at your local range, every activity counts towards maintaining your status. Just make sure to document it properly—your initials, surname, ID, location, and date are essential. A photo of you next to a target or trophy is great, but it needs to be clear when and where it happened. Stay compliant, keep your firearms, and most importantly, enjoy every moment out there. For a full guide on logging activities, head over to our [website](#).

Keep your powder dry and your paperwork up to date!

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