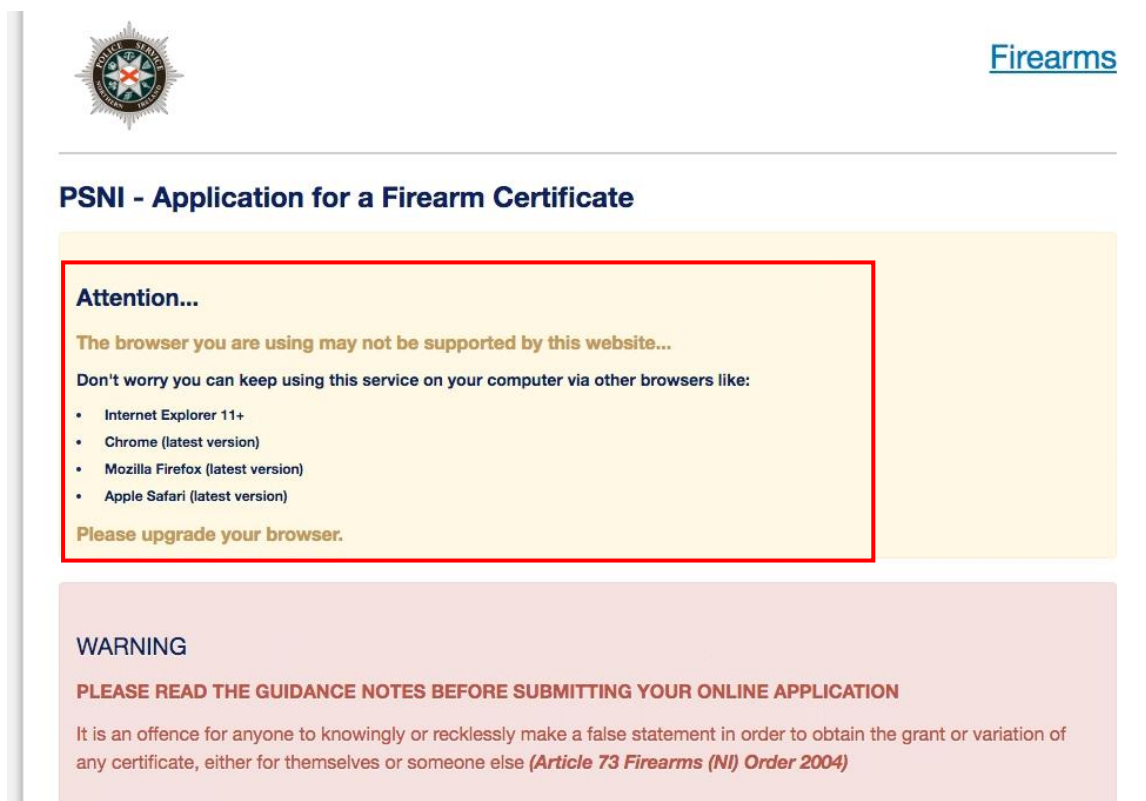


## What is a Browser?

A browser is software on your computer which you use to 'surf' the internet and visit webpages. If you want to view web pages on different websites, you will need to use a 'browser'. It acts as a door to the internet. Browsers differ slightly but all do the same job. It's important to have the latest version of your browser. Newer browsers save you time, keep you safer, and let you do more online.

## Firearms Application

You will need a suitable browser in order to complete your firearms application form. If you start your firearms application and the browser you are using is not suitable (not supported) the following message will be displayed.



The screenshot shows the PSNI website interface for a firearms application. At the top left is the PSNI crest, and at the top right is the word "Firearms" in blue. Below this is the title "PSNI - Application for a Firearm Certificate". A prominent yellow warning box with a red border contains the following text:

**Attention...**  
The browser you are using may not be supported by this website...  
Don't worry you can keep using this service on your computer via other browsers like:

- Internet Explorer 11+
- Chrome (latest version)
- Mozilla Firefox (latest version)
- Apple Safari (latest version)

Please upgrade your browser.

Below the warning box is a pink "WARNING" section with the text: "PLEASE READ THE GUIDANCE NOTES BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION". It also includes a legal notice: "It is an offence for anyone to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in order to obtain the grant or variation of any certificate, either for themselves or someone else (Article 73 Firearms (NI) Order 2004)".

***As a result you will not be able to submit your application. If this message is displayed, please follow the instructions and update your browser.***

Guidance can be found using the following link:

[https://www.psni.police.uk/advice\\_information/firearms/online-application-information/](https://www.psni.police.uk/advice_information/firearms/online-application-information/)

Below we have listed the browsers currently supported.

## Supported Browsers

- Chrome v55 and above
- IE 11 and above
- Firefox 55 and above
- Safari 8 and above

## **Types of Browsers**

If you have a Windows device, you may have a browser program called Internet Explorer. If you have an Apple device then you will probably be using a browser called Safari. Other browsers may also be used on these platforms.

There are many other browsers but for the purposes of this document we are looking at the top 5 most popular browsers.

- Google Chrome
- Apple Safari
- Microsoft Internet Explorer
- Microsoft Edge
- Mozilla Firefox

### **How do I know what version of a web browser I am using?**

Listed below are some useful websites that might help you to find out the type and version of your browser.

[Www.whatbrowser.org](http://www.whatbrowser.org)

[Www.whatismybrowser.com](http://www.whatismybrowser.com)

[Www.whatsmybrowser.org](http://www.whatsmybrowser.org)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/accessibility/guides/which\\_browser.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/accessibility/guides/which_browser.shtml)

*Please note these links are valid at the time of publishing this guidance, changes can occur.*

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