

PEDLARS ACTS 1871 & 1881

A pedlar certificate is not required by

- Commercial travellers or other persons selling or seeking orders for goods, wares, or merchandise to or from persons who are dealers therein and who buy to sell again, or selling or seeking orders for books as agents authorized in writing by the publishers of such books:
- Sellers of vegetables, fish, fruit, or victuals (foodstuffs).
- Persons selling or exposing to sale goods, wares, or merchandise in any public mart, market, or fair legally established.

A Pedlar certificate shall be granted provided that the Chief Officer of Police granting the certificates is satisfied that the applicant: -

- Is above Seventeen years of age.
- Is a person of good character
- In good faith intends to carry on the trade of a pedlar
- Has resided during one month previous to the application in the police area to whom they are applying.

The certificate authorises the holder to act as a pedlar within any part of the **United Kingdom** as stated in the 1881 act. However, it is the holders responsibility to check relevant local by-laws and regulations with the local authority of the areas that they are travelling through.

The certificate does not entitle the individual to street trade, regularly trade at the same pitch, set out their goods on a stall or a book or a portable stand.

If a certificate is lost, than an application (and fee) for a replacement is made in the normal way.

Guidance

1. A pedlar goes to his customers rather than allowing them to come to him.
2. A pedlar trades as he travels rather than travels to trade.
3. A pedlar is a pedestrian.
4. If a pedlar is a seller, rather than a mender, they sells reasonably small goods.
5. They are entitled to have some means of *assisting their transport* of goods, such as a trolley
6. A pedlar must be of good character, over 17 year old, are not intending to trade in foodstuffs and have resided during one month previous to the application within the police area they are applying to.
7. The pedlars act are published online by Her Majesty's Stationery Office.
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/>
8. The Pedlars Application fee is £12.25, cheques payable to PCC Northants.
9. Any enquires regarding pedlar certificates in Northamptonshire should be directed to.

Post Applications to: Firearms Licensing Unit, Police Headquarters, Wootton Hall, Northampton NN4 0JQ

Enquiries In Person to : 27-29 Salthouse Road, Brackmills Industrial Estate, Northampton NN4 7EX.

Tel: 01604 888117

Email: Firearms.licensing@northants.police.uk

Office Hours: - 9am to 4.30pm, telephones open 2-4pm



PEDLARS CERTIFICATE

Height:5'8".....
Signature of Holder:

Picture
Here -

PEDLARS CERTIFICATE NUMBER P3

In pursuance of the Pedlars Act, 1871, I certify that

_____ aged 54 of

Address here

in the county of **Northamptonshire** is hereby authorised to act as a pedlar for one year from the date of this certificate, trading in

T SHIRTS, WATCHES, PERIODICALS, BALLOONS, WRISTBANDS, JEWELLERY

Certified this **30th day of JULY 2019**

Signed

Bridget Hodgson, Firearms Licensing Manager

This Certificate will expire on **29th day of JULY 2020**

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Section 4 of the act provides that no one should act as a pedlar without a valid certificate

Sections 10 and 11 of the act provide that offences are committed if a pedlar's certificate is lent, transferred, or assigned, or borrowed.

Section 17 of the act provides that any pedlar shall at all times, on demand, produce, and show his certificate to a justice, a constable, or officer of police, a person to whom he offers his goods for sale, or to any person in whose private grounds or premises he is found.

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5. He is entitled to have some means of *assisting his transport* of goods, such as a trolley, providing this does not contravene points 7 and 8 below.
6. It is necessary to consider his whole apparatus of trading and decide if it is of such a scale to take the person concerned out of the definition of "pedlar".
7. The use of a stall, or stand, or barrow, may indicate an intention to remain in one place or in a succession of different places for longer than is necessary to effect the particular sales indicating that he is a street trader and not a pedlar.
8. If he sets up a stall or barrow and waits for people to approach him, rather than approaching them, that is an indication that he is a street trader and not a pedlar.
9. Any enquires regarding this certificate should be directed to

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