

RECEIVE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

SUBJECT: Qualifications to Possess Firearms and Ammunition

1. An amendment to the Gun Control Act of 1968 (18 U.S.C. 922) makes it a felony for anyone who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence to ship, transport in interstate or foreign commerce, possess, or receive firearms or ammunition. It is also a felony for any person to sell or otherwise dispose of a firearm to any person so convicted. The law pertains to anyone who has been convicted of a domestic violence misdemeanor. There is no exemption for civilian personnel of the Department of Defense

2. Convictions of "misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence" as defined in the amendment do not include summary court-martial convictions, the imposition of non judicial punishment (Article 15, UCMJ), or deferred prosecutions (or similar alternative dispositions) in civilian courts. A description of the elements of a misdemeanor conviction of domestic violence is enclosed.

3. If you have ever been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence within the meaning of the law, continued retention of any firearm or ammunition, whether Government-issued or privately owned, may subject you to felony criminal penalties including a sentence of imprisonment of up to ten years and a fine of up to \$250,000 as well as administrative action.

4. If you have ever received a qualifying domestic violence misdemeanor conviction : (1) you may not possess any firearm or ammunition; (2) you must return any Government-issued firearm or ammunition to your immediate supervisor. Furthermore, any previously issued authorization to possess a firearm or ammunition is revoked.

5. Complete the blocks below indicating that you have read and understand the information provided. Return the completed information to your supervisor. If you have any questions, you may contact your immediate supervisor.

I have read and understand the information on the previous page of this memorandum and the enclosure " Elements of Misdemeanor Conviction of Domestic Violence."

_____ (Name - Printed)

_____ (Title)

_____ (Organization and Duty Location)

_____ (Signature)

_____ (Date Signed) (YYYYMMDD)