

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 466

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ACT, CHAP. 11:02

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE MINISTER UNDER SECTION 101I OF THE SUMMARY
OFFENCES ACT, CHAP. 11:02

THE SUMMARY OFFENCES (FIREWORKS) REGULATIONS,
2025

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Summary Offences Citation
(Fireworks) Regulations, 2025.

2. In these Regulations—

Interpretation

“applicant” means a person who applies for a fireworks
permit;

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Police;

“Emergency Medical Technician” has the meaning assigned
to it by section 3 of the Emergency Ambulance Services
and Emergency Medical Personnel Act;

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“fireworks permit” or “permit” means a permit to discharge
fireworks;

“Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for
internal security is assigned and “Ministry” shall be
construed accordingly;

“pyrotechnician” means a person who has received training
in the discharge of fireworks.

3. (1) A person who is desirous of obtaining a fireworks permit
shall—

Application
for fireworks
permit

(a) submit an application to the Commissioner; and

(b) pay an application fee of one hundred dollars.

(2) An application under subregulation (1)(a) shall be—

(a) in a form approved by the Minister and published on the
website of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service;

(b) accompanied by such other documents as are specified in
the form referred to in paragraph (a); and

(c) submitted in such manner as the Minister may approve.

(3) The Commissioner may require any further information or material to be submitted by an applicant within a specified time and may require verification by affidavit of any information or material fact then or previously submitted.

(4) A person who, in applying for a fireworks permit, makes any statement or gives any information which to his knowledge is false, or in any material respect misleading, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of fifty thousand dollars and imprisonment for two years.

Grant of
fireworks
permit

4. The Commissioner may grant a fireworks permit only if he is satisfied that the applicant—

- (a) is an individual who is at least eighteen years old or a body corporate;
- (b) has made arrangements for the fireworks to be discharged by a suitably trained pyrotechnician;
- (c) has made arrangements for an Emergency Medical Technician to be present at all times while the fireworks are being discharged; and
- (d) would, if granted the permit, be able to comply with sections 100, 101A and 101B of the Act, these Regulations and the terms and conditions of the permit.

Notice of
grant or
refusal of a
fireworks
permit

5. (1) Where the Commissioner grants a fireworks permit, he shall immediately inform the applicant, in writing, of his decision.

(2) The Commissioner shall not refuse to grant a fireworks permit unless he first informs the applicant, in writing, of his proposal to refuse the permit and his reasons and gives the applicant at least fourteen days to submit written representations.

(3) Where the Commissioner refuses to grant a fireworks permit, he shall, within seven days of his decision, inform the applicant, in writing, of his decision and reasons.

Terms and
conditions of
a fireworks
permit

6. A fireworks permit shall—

- (a) be in a form approved by the Minister and published on the website of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service;
- (b) not be transferable;
- (c) specify the date and time when the discharge of fireworks is permitted;
- (d) specify the location from which the discharge of fireworks is permitted and the direction in which the discharged fireworks are to be projected;

- (e) specify the maximum amount of fireworks, and the type of fireworks, which are authorised to be discharged;
- (f) specify the name of the pyrotechnician who is authorised to discharge the fireworks;
- (g) specify the name of the Emergency Medical Technician who shall be present at all times while the fireworks are being discharged;
- (h) require at least one first-aid kit to be kept on hand at the location from which the fireworks are discharged;
- (i) specify the number and size of fire extinguishers to be kept on hand at the location from which the fireworks are discharged;
- (j) prohibit persons who are not engaged in the discharge of the fireworks from being in close proximity to the location from which the fireworks are discharged;
- (k) prohibit the presence of any naked flames or live electrical wires at the location from which the fireworks are discharged;
- (l) require the permit-holder to ensure that all pyrotechnic materials are safely stored, utilised and disposed of, as the case may be; and
- (m) require the permit-holder to take such other safety measures as the Commissioner thinks fit.

7. A fixed penalty notice shall—

Fixed penalty
notices

- (a) be in a form approved by the Minister and published on the website of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service; and
- (b) be submitted together with the payment of the fixed penalty specified in it.

8. A notice to contest under section 101F(1) of the Act shall be in a form approved by the Minister and published on the website of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service.

Notice to
contest

9. These Regulations come into effect on 19th December, 2025.

Commence-
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Dated this 19th day of December, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security