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Mr. P. M. Brown,  
14 Mitchell St,  
Pietermaritzburg.

Dear Sir,

Book of Life : Firearms.

1. Your application dated 12.9.72 herewith.
2. Kindly comply to para. (iii) on the front of the form.
3. Applications for re-licencing and Book of Life are not accepted yet and notice will be given in the local newspaper as from when we will be taking applications in again.

f/ STATION COMMANDER : PIETERMARITZBURG.  
A.A. VENTER. SGT.

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## IDENTITY BOOK SLOWDOWN

Staff Reporter

POLICE in Pietermaritzburg have appealed to the public to withhold their applications for the Book of Life until further notice.

There are, however, three groups of applicants who are urged to apply immediately. They are:

- Applicants aged 16 who would normally be applying for their identity cards;
- People who have taken out South African citizenship; and
- Those who have recently purchased a firearm.

A police spokesman also urged firearm owners not to bring ammunition to police stations when registering their weapons.

## 'Book of life' only to priority applicants

Staff Reporter

GOVERNMENT officials issuing the "book of life" in Pretoria have limited applications to priority cases. More than 800 000 of the comprehensive identity documents have been issued already.

"People in possession of unlicensed firearms get first priority, and then immigrants who have permanent residence but don't have identity documents yet," a spokesman for the Department of the Interior said yesterday.

Until the backlog has been cleared, only those people, and children turning 16 who don't have identity cards, can apply for the Book of Life.

The Commissioner of Police announced yesterday that the amnesty date for licensing unlicensed firearms had been extended to January 31 next year.

The Book of Life section caught up with applications several months ago. But it found itself struggling to keep up when July 31 was announced as the deadline for the licensing of firearms.

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