

# FIREARMS REGISTRY



## Application for a B709A or B709D Police Confirmation & Certification for Importation of Firearms & Weapons

This fact sheet provides information on obtaining a B709 Police Confirmation & Certification for importation of firearms, firearm parts, accessories and ammunition into NSW.

*The importation of firearms, firearm parts, accessories and ammunition into Australia is controlled and restricted by the Department of Home Affairs. The importation of these items requires written permission from the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department or written confirmation and certification from the relevant State or Territory Police Firearms Registry prior to importation.*

### How do I know if I need permission from the Attorney General or the NSW Police Firearms Registry?

This fact sheet gives a broad overview of the items which require confirmation and certification from the NSW Police Firearms Registry. If, after reading this fact sheet, you need further information or clarification on the requirements for importation of a firearm, firearm part, accessory or ammunition, please go to the Restricted and Prohibited Imports page on the Department of Home Affairs website: [www.border.gov.au](http://www.border.gov.au). The email enquiry option for the Department of Home Affairs is: [firearmsnsw@abf.gov.au](mailto:firearmsnsw@abf.gov.au).

### What is a B709 Police Confirmation & Certification?

The Police Confirmation and Certification informs the Department of Home Affairs that you are authorised to lawfully possess the item in NSW, or that no such authorisation is required in NSW to lawfully possess the item. The B709, when issued, is only a notification to the Department of Home Affairs that the importer has police permission to possess those goods in their state and is not permission to import the article. The Department of Home Affairs may still prevent import if the item does not meet other import requirements (e.g. firearms safety testing).

### What are the B709 forms used for?

- B709A is used for firearms such as rifles, shotguns, paintball markers, BB guns, imitation firearms, antique handguns (pre 1900), general purpose ammunition and parts & accessories for all these items
- B709B is used for certain controlled and prohibited weapons and articles (see separate fact sheet for weapons)
- B709D is used for handguns and handgun parts (except pre 1900 handguns)

### What if the firearms I wish to import are unregistered?

If the firearms you are intending to import are unregistered in NSW, you must nominate a NSW licensed firearms dealer to receive firearms on your behalf. The B709 Police Confirmation and Certification will be sent directly to the NSW licensed firearms dealer who will collect the firearms from Customs on your behalf. You will need to apply for a Permit to Acquire the firearm (refer to the Acquiring a Firearm page on the Firearms Registry website), and once this is issued and the firearm is registered in your name, you may take possession of the firearm.

### When can the B709 Police Confirmation & Certification be issued directly to an individual?

A B709 can be issued to an individual for firearms, weapons etc that do not require licensing or registration (antiques), including firearms parts (excluding frames and receivers) provided all legislative requirements are met - email [firearms@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:firearms@police.nsw.gov.au) for details.

#### Where can I find more information?

The information provided in the FACT Sheet is for general guidance only. Applicants and licensees should familiarise themselves with the Firearms Act 1996 and the associated Regulation, which are available on the NSW Legislation website - [www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au).

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Website: [www.police.nsw.gov.au/firearms](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/firearms)

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## What if the country exporting the firearm requires certification?

Some countries require certification that the firearm being exported will be accepted in the importing country. If this certification is required, contact the Department of Defence for an International Import Certificate - 1800 661 066 or [www.defence.gov.au/business-industry/export/controls](http://www.defence.gov.au/business-industry/export/controls)

## How much will the B709 Police Confirmation cost and what is the term?

There is no charge for the certificate. The B709 will be issued for a period of 6 months and is issued with a unique identifying number.

## Permit to Acquire a Firearm - Category C or H Firearms

If you are importing category C or H firearms, the B709 Police Confirmation and Certification will not be released until you make application for a Permit to Acquire that firearm.

## When is a B709 Police Confirmation not required?

Import permission is not required for individuals returning to Australia from lawful overseas hunting or shooting activities with Category A, B or H firearms where :

- the importer is an Australian resident;
- the importer presents a valid firearms licence issued by the State or Territory where they reside;
- the importer presents the export permit used to export the goods;
- the goods have not been modified (except for repair) since last exported.

A B709 is not required for use by State police forces, the Australian Federal Police, the Australian Defence Force or for visiting police or militaries, unless they are for personal use and no other permission has been granted.

A B709 is not required for goods that only the Attorney General's Department can give permission for such as silencers, folding stocks and certain high risk firearms and weapons. See the Department of Home Affairs website for further information: [www.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au).

All prohibited firearms, except a category C type firearm for a primary producer, must make application to the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department.

## How do I complete the B709 application forms?

You can complete a B709 application form on the Firearms Registry website or contact the Firearms Registry for a blank form: Email: [firearms@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:firearms@police.nsw.gov.au) - Phone: 1300 362 562

Complete all the sections on the form including name, address and licence number. Complete Section D with the nominated NSW licensed firearms dealer details where the firearms are being collected by the dealer from the Department of Home Affairs on your behalf (mandatory for all firearms unregistered in NSW).

Complete the relevant ancillary form for the articles you are importing: firearms; ammunition; weapons etc. Complete the method of importation and attach a copy of the Seizure or Detention Notice issued by the Department of Home Affairs, if your articles have already been seized.

You must include the quantity you are importing and insert the details of the firearms. Describe the items in as much detail as possible. A picture or digital image is mandatory for all prohibited weapons and articles.

If you are a NSW licensed firearms dealer importing firearm, parts, accessories or ammunition as stock, you must include the item number from Schedule 6 of the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956. See the Schedule 6 Table on the Dealers Import Webpage.

When you have completed the form, print the form, sign and date it and forward to the Firearms Registry, Locked Bag 5102, Parramatta NSW 2124 by post. The completed form can also be emailed to [firearms@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:firearms@police.nsw.gov.au). Please allow up to 28 business days for processing.

**Related Information:** For importation of prohibited weapons, see fact sheet: 'Application for a B709B Police Confirmation and Certification for Importation of Prohibited Weapons'.

Travelling with firearms - <https://www.abf.gov.au/importing-exporting-and-manufacturing/prohibited-goods/categories/firearms>