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FIREARMS REGISTRY

Prohibited Weapons Animal Management Permit

P 638

All persons wishing to possess or use a prohibited weapon must be authorised to do so by a permit. In order to obtain a prohibited weapon permit, the applicant must establish a genuine reason for possessing and using a prohibited weapon.

This FACT Sheet provides information on the requirements for obtaining an Animal Management Permit - clause 25 of the Weapons Prohibition Regulation 2009.

What does the Animal Management Permit authorise?

This permit authorises a person to possess and use a **blow gun or blow pipe** and a **dart** for a blow gun or blow pipe for managing an animal in the care of the person. These items are prohibited weapons under Schedule 1 clause 2(8) & (9) of the Weapons Prohibition Act 1998.

In addition to the permit holder, this permit also authorises a person listed on the permit, other than the permit holder, to possess and use the prohibited weapon for managing an animal in the care of the permit holder.

Who can apply for this permit?

- * A veterinary practitioner, or
- * A student enrolled in a veterinary science course, or
- * A person applying on behalf of an organisation which is primarily responsible for the management of animals.

NOTE: An exemption to the requirement to obtain a permit exists under Schedule 1 clause 2 of the Weapons Prohibition Regulation 2009 for the possession and use of blow guns and darts by National Parks and Wildlife officers and Zoological Parks Board employees.

Who can apply to be authorised on this permit apart from the permit holder?

- * A person who is an employee of the permit holder, or
- * A person who is engaged in the operation of the practice or organisation of the permit holder.

What is the term of the permit?

The permit will be issued for a maximum term of 5 years.

How much will the permit cost?

The prescribed fee for this permit is \$127.

Your payment must accompany the application. You may pay by cheque or money order made payable to the NSW Police Force or by filling out the credit card details on the reverse of the application form.

An additional \$25 is required for each person, other than the permit holder, listed and authorised by the permit.

What kind of prohibited weapons are authorised by this permit?

A **blow gun or blow pipe** or a **dart** for a blow gun or blow pipe - schedule 1 clause 2(8) & (9) of the Weapons Prohibition Act 1998.

What safe storage applies to this permit?

Level 1 safe storage. See 'Safe Storage Prohibited Weapons Levels 1, 2 & 3' available on the Safe Storage page on the Firearms Registry Internet site.

What about employees?

Employees to be listed and authorised by this permit (in addition to the permit holder) must complete an 'Application for a person to be authorised on a Prohibited Weapon Permit' P639 form.

- * A separate P639 form must be completed by each employee; and
- * Complete Section E of the P639 form to establish proof of employment status; and
- * Proof of identity totalling 100 points must be provided.

What do I need to send with the application?

- * You must provide as part of this application a passport style colour photo of yourself endorsed on the back with 'This is a true photo of (name)' and signed by a JP or police officer.
- * In addition, you and any employees to be listed on the permit, must provide as part of this application documentation totalling 100 points for proof of identity (see 100 point identification fact sheet).
- * Proof of completion of safety training in safe handling and use of blow guns and darts for all persons authorised by the permit.

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Veterinary Practitioner:

Provide documentary evidence that you are a qualified veterinary practitioner and the reasons a blow gun/dart is necessary for the management of animals in your occupation. Include business certification such as ABN, Business Registration Certificate, etc
OR

Organisation:

Provide documentary evidence that the organisations primary objective is or includes responsibility for the management of animals, your association with or employment in the organisation and the reasons a blow gun/dart is necessary for the management of animals by the organisation. Include business certification such as ABN, Business Registration Certificate, etc.

Do not send a photocopy of the form, print within the boxes, do not mark boxes that do not apply, use CAPITAL LETTERS and BLACK INK; DO NOT USE STAPLES.

Section A - Applicant Details

The 'Last Name' & 'Given names' box should show your full legal name. This should be the name on your birth certificate, marriage certificate, change of name certificate or passport. Complete your DOB, drivers licence, contact details including mobile phone number and email address.

List any other names by which you have been known and supply details.

Section B - Residential Address

Insert your full residential address here.

Section C - Postal Address

If your postal address is the same as your residential address mark the box with an 'X', otherwise, insert your postal address here.

Section D - Business, Club, Government Agency Details

Complete business or organisation name, trading name, business address, phone numbers and postal address.

Section E - Permit Type

Place an 'X' in the box marked 'Animal Management'.

Section F - Safekeeping Address of Weapons

This section should be completed providing the address at which the prohibited weapons will be stored and details of the arrangements for the safekeeping and storage. Attach a separate sheet if there is insufficient space.

Section G - Personal History

Please answer all questions by marking the appropriate 'Yes' or 'No' box. If you responded 'Yes' to any of the questions, please provide an attachment with details.

Section H - Declaration

The application form must be signed and dated by the applicant in the presence of a witness. The witness must be 18 years of age or over.

By signing the declaration you are confirming that:

All the information provided on the application is true and correct;
You understand it is an offence to supply false or misleading information;
AND

You agree to the NSW Police Force making enquiries to establish that the information you have supplied in relation to the application is true and correct.

Section I - Credit Card Authority

If you wish to pay by credit card, indicate whether Mastercard or Visa, fill out cardholder details in full, sign and date.

Related Information

See Fact Sheets:

'100 point identification',
'Safe Storage Prohibited Weapons Levels 1, 2 & 3',
'Recommended Safe Storage for Schedule 1 Prohibited Weapons'.

Check List

- Completed P638 form
- Passport sized colour photo
- Proof of ID
- Proof of completion of training
- Evidence of being veterinary practitioner or organisation
- Evidence of need for a blow gun / dart for animal management
- Safe storage location, facilities and security of prohibited weapon
- Payment with application = \$127

If applicable:

- P639 form for each employee
- Proof of employment (Section E)
- 100 pt ID for employee
- Payment with application = \$25

Firearms Registry

Address

Locked Bag 1
Murwillumbah NSW 2484

Telephone

1300362562

Interstate

02 66708590

Fax

02 66708558

Email

permits@police.nsw.gov.au
OR
firearmsenq@police.nsw.gov.au

Website

www.police.nsw.gov.au/firearms

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 *Weapons Prohibition Act 1998* and the *Weapons Prohibition Regulation 2009*, which are available on the NSW Legislation website - www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.



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