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Firearms Club e-News

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"Did you know that you can use the Firearms Registry Website to check the status of a licence or permit?"

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Invalid Licence Notification from Firearms Registry

The Firearms Registry will notify the club by mail if a Club member's firearms licence becomes invalid for a club related genuine reason. This report does not include the reason the licence became invalid, however

Examples include:

- Expired licence; expired photo advice; cancelled; suspended and revoked licences.

If the member's firearms licence is reinstated, the member is responsible for producing to the club a valid licence which may be checked on the register of firearms licences:

<https://www.ebiz.police.nsw.gov.au/FPR/licenceCheck/search.jsp>

The Role & Responsibility of Club Armourers

The authority conferred by a club armourers licence is the same as a dealers licence, except that the club armourer licence authorised person's duties are restricted to involving a club member in every firearms transaction and the authorised person not operating for personal gain. Clubs must not give their club armourer autonomy to operate independently, as the licence is held in the name of the club. Club armourers are to report all activities (including financial) to each meeting of the club committee for inclusion in the treasurer's report. Any club armourer operating outside these restrictions will be required to apply for a dealers licence and may need to obtain an ABN from the ATO.

The Firearms Registry conducts compliance audits of club armourers. Clubs may be called upon to explain the reasons why the club has allowed

their club armourer licence authorised person to operate outside the above restrictions.

A club may change the authorised person on a club armourer licence at any time by resolution at a club meeting and subsequently by notifying the Firearms Registry on club letterhead, with payment of a \$75 duplicate licence fee. If the club changes the safe storage address or, when renewing the licence, a Level 7 Safe storage inspection certificate is necessary.

To view the special conditions of a firearms dealer licence which also relate to a club armourer licence please click on the link and refer to Part 4 on the left of the page:
<http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/maintop/view/inforce/subordleg+512+2006+cd+0+N>



Procedures for Club Firearms Licences

“What is the purpose of a club firearms licence?”

Any approved target shooting or hunting club may apply for a club firearms licence for the firearms category which the club holds approval. The authority conferred by a club firearms licence is the same as for the category of firearms issued on the licence. Additional authority and conditions apply and will shortly be available for perusal on the Firearms Registry web site. A PTA is required for firearm acquisition.

but only after the unlicensed person has been approved by the club or rang officer on a P650 declaration form. The club and club firearms licence holder should maintain a daily record of the club member's name and firearms licence number who is assigned possession of any club firearm.

“Can an alternate club official store and distribute club firearms when the nominated licence holder is unavailable?”

The club, through their nominated licence holder, is responsible at all times for the safe keeping, possession and use of all club firearms. This cannot be delegated. The licence holder may assign use of a club firearm to a club member who holds an equivalent firearms licence. The assigned club member may personally use the firearm or allow an unlicensed person to use the firearm while under their direct supervision,

The licence holder must not allow another licence holder to have a key to the club firearms safe storage facility. However, the club may authorise a change of address of the firearms to another club member who holds a firearms licence of the same category. The club must notify the Firearms Registry within 14 days if the safe storage address is changed for firearms registered against the licence. The P658 COD form link is: http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/133166/FORM_P658.pdf

Sighting-in on Private Property by Rec Hunters

“Can a hunting club set up multiple targets similar to a shooting range on private property under the guise of sighting-in?”

Clause 31 of the Firearms Regulation 2006 authorises persons who hold a firearms licence for the genuine reason of Recreational Hunting/ Vermin Control to sight-in their firearm or pattern a shotgun at an approved shooting range.

Individual firearms licence holders who are authorised for Recreational Hunting/ Vermin Control do not breach legislation by testing a firearm, test firing/ ammunition combinations and sighting-in firearms on private property for which the licence holder has a letter of permission to shoot, from the owner or occupier of the private property.

Hunting clubs which hold a letter of permission from the owner or occupier of private property authorizing their members to shoot, may allow individual members to sight-in a firearm, but only immediately preceding the holding of a hunting club event. Hunting clubs are not authorised to erect multiple targets for the purpose of conducting shooting competitions or club organized sighting-in on private property for which they hold a letter of permission to shoot. Multiple sighting-in must be conducted under supervision of a shooting club official at an approved shooting range.



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"Do Firearms Safety Training (Longarms) Instructors need to report their activities?"

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Random Audits of Firearms Safety Training (FST) Instructors

All firearms safety training (FST) instructors for long arms must hold an approval issued by the Firearms Registry, regardless of the approved course they deliver. All FST Instructors are to familiarise themselves with the authority and conditions within their FST instructor's approval. FST Instructors that deliver the Firearms Licence Qualification Course administered by the Firearms Registry are delivering safety training on behalf of the club, and are to report their activities (including financial) to each meeting of the club committee for inclusion in the treasurer's report. The Firearms Registry is conducting random compliance audits of FST Instructors and any FST Instructor delivering the Firearms Licence Qualification Course that is found to be operating independently from the club will have their FST approval cancelled.

Audits conducted to date have revealed a number of FST Instructors are not

operating in accordance with the authority and conditions of their approval. FST Instructors must complete and sign Section E of the P650 form and indicate if the person is authorised or not. The person must not be allowed to proceed with the practical component of the long arms course if they answered 'Yes' to any question. If the person wishes to proceed the FST Instructor sends a copy of the form to the Firearms Registry for further determination. The person may only proceed if the person subsequently produces an 'Approved' letter on Firearms Registry letterhead and a copy is kept by the FST Instructor.

FST Instructors should advise persons intending to undertake the Firearms Licence Qualification Course to download the Firearms (Longarms) Users Guide via link:

http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/services/firearms/firearms_in_nsw/?a=133133>

Upcoming Issues...

Legislative amendments are due to commence in February 2011. You can view the amendments under 'What's New' on the Firearms Registry Internet site in early 2011.

Click below link for Firearms Registry Website:

www.police.nsw.gov.au/services/firearms