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FIREARMS REGISTRY

Permit to Acquire - Handgun P563 Form

P 563

All persons wishing to obtain a firearm in NSW must first make application to the NSW Firearms Registry to acquire the firearm.

This FACT sheet provides information on obtaining a Permit to Acquire for handguns.

What requirements apply to a Permit to Acquire application?

You **must** hold a current NSW firearms licence or permit to apply for a Permit to Acquire (PTA) a firearm.

You may only acquire a particular type of firearm if you hold the corresponding category of licence for that firearm. For example, you must hold a category H licence to apply for a category H type firearm.

A separate PTA application must be completed for each firearm and your 'good reason' for acquiring the firearm must be directly related to the reason for the issue of your firearms licence/permit.

For initial PTA's, there is a mandatory 28 day waiting period from receipt of your application before your Permit to Acquire can be issued. For second and subsequent PTA's for the same type of firearm as one already registered to you, there is no waiting period.

A PTA remains in force until the firearm is acquired or for 90 days, after which time it will expire.

How do I obtain a Permit to Acquire application?

You can request PTA applications from our Internet site, or phone or email the Firearms Registry to obtain your P563 'Application for a Permit to Acquire a Firearm - Handgun' forms. These will be posted to you and upon completion must be returned to the Firearms Registry for processing. Remember, you may only make application for one handgun per application form.

When the PTA is issued it will be posted to you and you may then acquire your handgun on presentation of the issued PTA to your firearms dealer.

How do I complete the PTA application form?

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

Complete all sections of the application form, sign the form and supply any supporting documentation as necessary. Failure to do so may delay your application. If you need a new application form, contact the Firearms Registry.

Write your licence or permit number on the top right hand side of the form. Please print clearly.

Section A: Personal Details - Write your name and date of birth.

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.

Section B: Business, Club, Government Agency - Complete if the application is for a business, club or government agency.

Section C: Safekeeping Address - This section should be completed, even if you do not currently own any firearms.

In this section you are confirming the safe keeping address of any firearms currently in your possession or declaring the safe keeping address for firearms acquired in relation to this application.

The firearms legislation requires that the Commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is capable of complying with the safe storage requirements as prescribed in the *Firearms Act 1996* prior to obtaining a firearm.

If your safe keeping address is the same as your residential address, mark the appropriate box with an 'X'. If your safe keeping address is different to your residential address, complete this section, providing details on a separate sheet if you have more than one safe keeping address for your firearms.

Section D: Type of Handgun - Indicate the type of handgun you wish to acquire by marking the appropriate box with an 'X'. You can only apply to purchase one handgun per application.

You may only acquire a particular type of handgun if you hold the corresponding category of licence or permit for that handgun.

Post 1946 Pistols for Collection - You must supply documentary evidence of the thematic, historic, commemorative or financial value of your collection and specific evidence of how the pistol you are currently making application to acquire relates to that theme.

Section E: Club Confirmation - The Firearms Act 1996 requires that a person making application to acquire a handgun with Sport/Target Shooting (including a probationary pistol licence) or Collection as the genuine reason, must supply a written statement from the secretary or other office holder of the club of which they are a member, confirming:

Sport/Target Shooting

That the applicant can meet the safekeeping requirements under the Act AND specifying the shooting activities for which the pistol is required.

Collection - Post 1946 Pistols only

That the applicant has been a member of the club/society for at least 12 months and that the collection has a genuine thematic, historic, commemorative or financial value.

Section F: Fee Exemption -

Pensioners are exempt from fees for Permits to Acquire for all categories of firearms.

You must supply evidence that you are the holder of:

- * A Pensioner Concession card issued by Centrelink, or
- * A Disability Pension card, or
- * A Veterans Affairs Concession card.

NOTE: Health Care Cards are not accepted for the purpose of a fee exemption.

Declaration - The application form must be signed and dated by the applicant. By signing the declaration, you are confirming that:

- * All the information provided on the application is true and correct, 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, AND

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* You authorise the release of personal information to any third party the Commissioner deems appropriate, AND

* The purpose or activity for which you intend to use the handgun is directly related to the genuine reason for which you hold your firearms licence.

What if I hold a Probationary Pistol Licence?

There are restrictions on the acquisition of handguns for Probationary Pistol Licence holders.

No Permits to Acquire a Handgun will be issued for the first six months of the licence. Only two Permits to Acquire will be issued in the second six months of the licence.

As a Probationary Pistol Licence holder you may have a combination of any two handguns, with the exception that you must not possess a centrefire and a rimfire pistol at the same time, within the second six months.

Credit Card Authority

Each Permit to Acquire costs \$30.00. Only those persons listed above are exempt from the fee.

DO NOT SEND CASH.

Attach a cheque or money order, made payable to the Firearms Registry, OR complete the credit card authority in the relevant section on the form.

If you wish to pay by credit card, ensure you complete the amount to be debited from your credit card, indicating either 'Mastercard' or 'Visa'; fill out the cardholder details in full; sign and date.

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 *Firearms Regulation 2006*, which are available on the NSW Legislation website - www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.

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