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FIREARMS REGISTRY

Sport/Target Shooting Genuine Reason

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All persons wishing to obtain a firearms licence in NSW must have a genuine reason for obtaining the licence.

This FACT sheet provides information on obtaining a firearms licence for the genuine reason of Sport/Target Shooting.

What requirements must be met for this Genuine Reason?

To satisfy the Genuine Reason of Sport/Target Shooting you must be a member of a Shooting Club approved by the Commissioner of Police which conducts target shooting competitions and activities.

Once your licence is issued, you must meet participation requirements as prescribed by clauses 33 & 96 of the *Firearms Regulation 2006*. (See FACT sheet 'Participation Requirements for Club Members').

What categories of licence can I have for this Genuine Reason?

Categories of licence available for this Genuine Reason are:

Category A - Target Shooting

Category B - Target Shooting

Category C - Clay Target Shooting only

Category H - Target Shooting

Specialised Target Pistols - are a self-loading pistol with a barrel length of less than 120mm or a revolver with a barrel length of less than 100mm. These firearms are of a distinctive size or shape and used in International Shooting Sport Federation competition events and are obtained under a Category H Target Shooting licence.

Category A, B or H only

Certification of current membership of an approved Shooting Club by a Club Official must be provided. The genuine reason form has provision for certification by a Club Official or you may send a copy of your current club membership card.

Special Category C licence 'Clay Target'

If applying for a Cat C (Special) Clay Target Sport/Target Shooting firearms licence you must supply certification by a Club Official of current membership of a Clay Target shooting club affiliated with the Australian Clay Target Association or such other body as approved by the Commissioner of Police AND a certificate from a Medical Practitioner advising of the physical reasons that necessitate the use of a Category C firearm in Clay Target shooting competitions.

The genuine reason form has provision for certification by a Club Official or you may send a copy of your club membership card.

Special Need

Any person wishing to make application for a licence over and above a Category A licence must also produce evidence of special need.

Membership of a club which conducts activities using that category of firearm. (ie: B, C or H) satisfies special need for the genuine reason of sport target shooting.

What else do I need to obtain a firearms licence?

Persons who have never held a licence in NSW before are required to complete a firearms safety training course for either long arms or pistols.

If you have previously held a firearms licence, either in NSW or Interstate for the same category of licence for which you are now applying, you may not need to complete the course again.

Long Arms: You must complete an approved firearms safety training course. For training providers contact:
The Firearms Safety Training Council 02 94863077
Sporting Shooters Association of Australia 02 88890400
Your nearest firearms club or NSW Firearms Registry.

A copy of the certificate obtained when you successfully complete the safety training course must accompany your firearms licence application.

Pistols: You must complete the safety training course for pistols conducted by your club.

What if I have never held a Category H Sport/Target Shooting Licence before?

If you have never held a Category H Sport/Target Shooting licence you will be issued with a Probationary Pistol Licence for one year. There are restrictions on the acquisition of handguns for Probationary Pistol Licence holders.

For the first six months of the Probationary Pistol licence you may only possess & use a pistol under the direct supervision of the holder of a Category H Sport/Target shooting licence and only on the premises of a pistol shooting club - Section 16A (2) (a)(i) of the *Firearms Act 1996*.

For the second six months of the Probationary Pistol licence, you can only be issued with two Permits to Acquire. The permits to acquire will only be issued if you have successfully completed the firearm safety training course, conducted by the pistol club for which you are a member.

During the second six months you may acquire no more than two pistols, any one of which is:

- * A centrefire pistol, or
- * A rimfire pistol with a calibre of no more than .22 inch, or
- * An air pistol with a calibre of no more than .177 inch, or
- * A black powder pistol.

However, you may not possess a centrefire and rimfire pistol at the same time - section 31(3C) of the Act.

How do I make application for a firearms licence?

Call the Firearms Registry on 1300362562 to make application.

Your name, address, NSW Drivers Licence and date of birth details will be taken over the phone. You will be asked for your genuine reason for obtaining a firearms licence and the categories of licence for which you wish to make application. Our Call Centre operators will answer any questions you may have in relation to your application, genuine reasons or special need.

Please make sure when giving your details that you supply your full legal name, not your nick name or preferred name. Also be specific, with your name and address details spelling out any words where necessary.

Your application will then be printed and posted to you with other relevant information. You must complete your application and return it with all supporting documentation to the Firearms Registry.

If your application is for longarms include a copy of the certificate obtained when you successfully complete the course with your licence application.

If your application is for a handguns, you will complete your firearms safety training for handguns at your firearms club during the first six months of your Probationary Pistol Licence.

Your application, when received, will be reviewed and you will be informed of the outcome, usually within 6-8 weeks.

How much will my firearms licence cost?

A personal firearms licence is issued for 2 or 5 years.

A 2 year licence = \$100

A 5 year licence = \$200

Probationary Pistol Licence = \$100 for one year.

Fee exemptions apply for a pensioner applying for a category A or B licence only.

For a comprehensive list of fees and fee exemptions, see the Schedule of Fees available on the Firearms Registry Internet site.

Our call centre operators can advise on these fee exemptions when you make application.

Where do I pay?

Fees for licences are paid at the RTA when your photo licence is produced.

Related Information

See FACT Sheets

'Information on obtaining a Firearms Licence in NSW',
'Safe Storage Level 1 - Category A & B Requirements',
'Safe Storage Level 2 - Category C, D & H Requirements',
'Participation Requirements for Club Members',
'Transportation of Firearms',
'Ammunition Safe Storage, Purchase and Possession'.

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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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