

LICENCE CATEGORIES & GENUINE REASON TABLE <i>Updated April 2018</i>		Category A Licence * Air rifles * Rimfire rifle (other than self-loading) * Shotgun/rimfire combinations * Shotgun (other than pump action, lever action or self-loading)	Category B Licence * Muzzle loading firearms (other than pistols) * Centre-fire rifles (other than self-loading) * Shotgun/centre-fire combinations * Lever action shotguns with a magazine capacity of no more than 5 rounds	Category C Licence Prohibited except for limited purposes * Self-loading rimfire rifles with a magazine capacity of no more than 10 rounds * Self-loading shotguns with a magazine capacity of no more than 5 rounds * Pump action shotguns with a magazine capacity of no more than 5 rounds	Category D Licence Prohibited except for official purposes * Self-loading centre-fire rifles * Self-loading rimfire rifles with a magazine capacity of more than 10 rounds * Self-loading shotguns with a magazine capacity of more than 5 rounds * Pump action shotguns with a magazine capacity of more than 5 rounds * Lever action shotguns with a magazine capacity of more than 5 rounds * Any firearm to which a category C licence applies	Category H Licence * Pistols including blank fire pistols and air pistols
	Sport/Target Shooting	YES Proof of current membership of an approved target shooting club.	YES Proof of current membership of an approved target shooting club. Club membership satisfies special need.	YES Proof of current club membership of an approved clay target shooting club AND certificate from a medical practitioner. Club membership satisfies special need.	NOT AVAILABLE	YES Proof of current membership of an approved target shooting club. Club membership satisfies special need. First time applicants will be issued with a Probationary Pistol Licence for 1 year.
	Recreational Hunting/Vermin Control	YES * Hunting Club membership, or * Ownership/occupancy of rural land, or * Permission to shoot, or * Permission from government agency.	YES * Hunting Club membership satisfies special need, or * Ownership/occupancy of rural land, or * Permission to shoot, or * Permission from government agency, + Demonstrate special need.	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE
	Primary Production	YES Occupation as a primary producer OR owner, lessee or manager of land used for primary production.	YES Occupation as a primary producer OR owner, lessee or manager of land used for primary production. + Demonstrate special need.	YES Occupation as a primary producer OR owner, lessee or manager of land used for primary production. + Demonstrate special need.	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE
	Vertebrate Pest Animal Control	YES * Professional contract shooter, or * Employed or authorised by a government agency, or * Primary Producer involved in an authorised eradication campaign.	YES * Professional contract shooter, or * Employed or authorised by a government agency, or * Primary Producer involved in an authorised eradication campaign. + Demonstrate special need.	NOT AVAILABLE The firearm type authorised by a category C licence for this genuine reason is covered by a category D licence.	YES * Professional contract shooter, or * Employed or authorised by a government agency, or * Primary Producer involved in an authorised eradication campaign. + Demonstrate special need.	NOT AVAILABLE
	Business or Employment Owner of business Employee of business	YES * You must demonstrate that the use of firearms is necessary in your business or employment Security guards shotgun only	YES * You must demonstrate that the use of firearms is necessary in your business or employment + Demonstrate special need. Not available to security guards	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE	YES * You must demonstrate that the use of firearms is necessary in your business or employment + Demonstrate special need. Security Guards will initially be issued with a Provisional Pistol Licence .
	Rural Occupation	YES * Employed or engaged in a rural occupation requiring the use of firearms	YES * Employed or engaged in a rural occupation requiring the use of firearms + Demonstrate special need.	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE
	Animal Welfare	YES * An officer of the RSPCA or Animal Welfare League, or * Veterinary practitioner, or * Employee of Department of Primary Industries or Local Land Services, or * Owner, transporter, drover or other handler of animals	YES * An officer of the RSPCA or Animal Welfare League, or * Veterinary practitioner, or * Employee of Department of Primary Industries or Local Land Services, or * Owner, transporter, drover or other handler of animals + Demonstrate special need.	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE
	Firearms Collection The collection must have a genuine commemorative, historical, thematic or financial value	YES Proof of current membership of an approved Collectors Club or Society. Firearms must be rendered temporarily inoperable	YES Proof of current membership of an approved Collectors Club or Society. Firearms must be rendered temporarily inoperable	YES Proof of current membership of an approved Collectors Club or Society. Firearms must be rendered temporarily inoperable	YES Proof of current membership of an approved Collectors Club or Society. Firearms must be rendered permanently inoperable	YES Proof of current membership of an approved Collectors Club or Society. Firearms must be rendered temporarily inoperable