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FIREARMS REGISTRY

Prohibited Weapons Body Armour Vest

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 a Body Armour Vest Permit - section 11(2)(a)(i) of the Weapons Prohibition Act 1998.

Who can apply for this permit?

- * A person on behalf of a security firm, or
- * A person employed by a security firm, or
- * A person on behalf of a media organisation, or
- * A person employed by a media organisation.

What does the Body Armour Vest Permit authorise?

This permit authorises the permit holder to possess and use a body armour vest in NSW for the genuine reason of business or employment.

- * A permit issued to a security firm authorises the acquisition of body armour vests for use by employees.
- * A permit issued to an employee of the security firm authorises possession and use of the employer's body armour vests only. This permit does not authorise the acquisition of a body armour vest.
- * A permit issued to a media organisation authorises the acquisition of body armour vests for use by employees. This permit also authorises employees who are listed on the permit to possess and use body armour vests belonging to the employer.

What about employees?

Security firm employees must be authorised by a permit to possess and use a body armour vest. Each employee requiring to possess and use a body armour vest must complete an 'Application for a Prohibited Weapon Permit' P638 form.

NOTE: Security employees must be the holder of the relevant class of licence under the *Security Industry Act 1997*.

Media employees can be listed on the permit issued to the media organisation and must complete an 'Application for a Person to be Authorised on a Prohibited Weapon Permit' P639 form.

What is the term of the permit?

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

How much will the permit cost?

The prescribed fee for this permit is \$127. Payment must accompany the application.

The prescribed fee for each media employee to be listed on the media organisation permit is \$25.00. Payment must accompany the application.

What kind of prohibited weapons are authorised by this permit?

A body armour vest under Schedule 1 clause 4(1) of the *Weapons Prohibition Act 1998*

What level of safe storage applies to this permit?

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

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 must provide as part of this application documentation totalling 100 points for proof of identity (see *100 point identification fact sheet*).
- * The applicant must provide evidence to support the genuine reason to possess and/or use a body armour vest, such as high risk business/employment activities.

Security firms must supply a risk assessment conducted by a licensed security consultant justifying the need for a body armour vest. The permit will restrict the number of body armour vests the firm is authorised to acquire according to business needs.

Employees must provide proof of employment and provide certification from their employer of the need for possession and use of a body armour vest for employment activities.

A media organisation must outline the requirement for use of a body armour vest by employees, including the risk posed to the employee due to civil unrest or warfare. The permit will restrict the number of body armour vests the organisation is authorised to acquire according to business needs.

How do I complete the application form?

The P638 'Application for a Prohibited Weapon Permit' form applies to this permit. This form is used by the security firm, the media organisation or by employees of the security firm making application as the permit holder.

Media employees to be listed on the permit issued to the media organisation must complete the 'Application for a Person to be Authorised on a Prohibited Weapon Permit' P639 form. This form must accompany the application made by the media organisation employer on the P638 form. Payment for both applications must accompany the applications.

A media person who wishes to make application for an individual permit must complete the 'Application for a Prohibited Weapon Permit' P638 form as the permit holder.

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 'Body Armour Vest'.

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. **NOTE:** Body armour vests are acquired on the permit issued to the employer and are stored by the employer for use by authorised employees.

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 Level 1, 2 & 3',
'Recommended Safe Storage for Schedule 1 Prohibited Weapons'.

Check List

- Completed P638 form
- Passport sized colour photo
- Proof of ID
- Evidence of genuine reason
- Proof of employment
- Safe storage location, facilities and security of prohibited weapon
- Payment with application = \$127

Media only, 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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