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FIREARMS REGISTRY

Imitation Firearm - Security Training Permit

P 634

This FACT sheet provides information on the requirements for obtaining an Imitation Firearm Permit for firearms used by the holder of a Security Training 2D Licence for instruction and training of security guards in the safe handling and use of firearms - section 4D of the *Firearms Act 1996* (the Act).

What does an Imitation Firearm Permit authorise?

This permit authorises a person to possess and use an imitation firearm for the legitimate reason of instruction or training of security guards licensed under the *Security Industry Act 1997* to possess and use firearms for security activities.

What is an imitation firearm?

An imitation firearm is defined in section 4D of the Act as an object that, regardless of its colour, weight or composition or the presence or absence of any moveable parts, substantially duplicates in appearance a firearm but that is not a firearm. An imitation firearm does not include anything that is produced and identified as a children's toy.

How is a child's toy distinguished from an imitation firearm?

A child's toy would be distinguished from an imitation firearm by the packaging, targeted sale market (ie sold in a toy store, marked for ages 3+ etc), the materials the toy is made from, the general appearance or the functioning of the toy (for example, a water pistol). The onus is on the person in possession of the item and if there is any doubt they may seek advice from industry bodies such as a firearms dealer or a theatrical armourer.

What about an imitation of an antique firearm?

A person is afforded an exemption from the requirement to obtain a permit for possession or use of an imitation of an antique firearm, but not an imitation antique revolver - see section 6A of the Act and clause 134 of the *Firearms Regulation 2017*.

What requirements must be met for this permit?

A person providing training or instruction to security guards is regarded as carrying on a 'security activity' as defined by section 4 of the *Security Industry Act 1997*.

This activity requires the instructor to be the holder of a 2D Security Trainer licence which authorises the licensee to provide training, assessment or instruction in relation to any security activity.

Relevant Defensive Tactics Training must be undertaken with a Registered Training Organisation and a qualification provided with this application. The Instructor must be employed by a Master Licensee or if self employed he/she must be the holder of a Master Licence held under the *Security Industry Act 1997*.

Does an imitation firearm require registration?

No, an imitation firearm does not require registration.

Note: The holder of a permit authorising the possession or use of an imitation firearm is not required to be authorised by a permit to acquire the imitation firearm.

What is the term of the permit and how much will the permit cost?

The permit will be issued for a maximum term of 5 years and the prescribed fee for this permit is \$75. Your payment must accompany the application.

What governs the possession and use of an imitation firearm?

The Act applies to an imitation firearm in the same way it applies to any other firearm, with the exception of the registration requirement as detailed above. Therefore, all the requirements for the transportation and safe storage that apply to a firearm, apply in the same way to an imitation firearm.

What about safe storage of an imitation firearm used for security activities?

The storage of imitation firearms used for security activities is subject to the same tiered safe storage regime as security firms and as prescribed by clause 81 of the *Firearms Regulation 2017*. Please refer to the relevant Safe Storage for Security Firms FACT Sheet for the number of firearms held and available on the Safe Storage page of the Firearms Registry Internet site.

An inspection of the storage will be required upon initial application for this permit.

How do I apply for an Imitation Firearm Permit?

You must complete the P634 'Application for a Firearms Permit' form and the 'Imitation Firearm Legitimate Reason' form and where applicable provide any supporting documentation. Please see the reverse of this FACT Sheet for instructions on how to complete the P634 form.

Instructions for completing the Firearms Permit Application Form

FIREARMS PERMIT APPLICATION FORM (P634)

NEW APPLICATION / REAPPLICATION

Mark appropriate box (new application or reapplication) and insert any previous or current firearms licence or permit number.

SECTION A - PERMIT TYPE

From the drop down list select the type of permit relevant to this application. If the permit is not listed in the drop down list, enter the type of permit you require in the space provided.

SECTION B - NOMINATED PERSON/BUSINESS OR NOMINATED PERMIT HOLDER/INDIVIDUAL

Insert your full name, date of birth, gender, NSW drivers licence (if held), contact phone numbers, email address and supply details if you have been known by any other names.

SECTION C - RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Insert your full residential address in this section.

SECTION D - POSTAL ADDRESS

If the postal address is the same as the residential address, mark the box. If your postal address is different to your residential address, insert your postal address in this section.

SECTION E - BUSINESS, CLUB OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY DETAILS

If this application is being made by a Business, Club or Government Agency, provide details in this section and attach supporting documentation.

SECTION F - SAFEKEEPING ADDRESS OF FIREARMS

If the safekeeping address is the same as the residential address, select 'YES' in the box. If your firearm safekeeping address is different to your residential address, insert the address in this section.

SECTION G - PERSONAL HISTORY

Answer each question by selecting a 'YES' or 'NO' from the drop down list. If you answer 'YES' to any question, provide details as an attachment.

SECTION H - DECLARATION

The application must be signed and dated by the applicant.

SECTION I - FEE

The prescribed fee for this permit is \$75. Your payment must accompany the application.

RELATED INFORMATION

See FACT Sheets:

- '100 Point Identification',
- 'Safe Storage Security Firms Level Three - One Firearm Only',
- 'Safe Storage Security Firms Level Four - 2 - 5 Firearms',
- 'Safe Storage Security Firms Level Five - 6 - 15 Firearms',
- 'Safe Storage Security Firms Level Six - Over 15 Firearms',
- 'Transportation of Firearms'.

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



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