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What's New

Information for a Prohibited Weapon Permit for use of a Silencer

The change to the Prohibited Weapons Silencer Fact Sheet reflects the existing provisions in the *Weapons Prohibition Act 1998*. The legislative provisions themselves haven't changed.

The Prohibited Weapons Silencer Fact Sheet provides information on the genuine reasons of Business/Employment and Recreational/Sporting purposes only. Whilst there are nine (9) genuine reasons prescribed in the Weapons Prohibition Act, the Fact Sheet and Supplementary Information only applies to the two (2) mentioned above.

It is a legislative requirement that applicants for a Prohibited Weapons Permit must provide a genuine reason for possessing or using a prohibited weapon. You must be able to substantiate your genuine reason and demonstrate why your genuine reason requires the use of a silencer. Under each genuine reason heading in the Fact Sheet and Supplementary Information document is information you will need to supply with your application.

In order to apply for an authority to possess and use a silencer, applicants must be able to establish a prescribed genuine reason:

For Business / Employment Purposes

The applicant must demonstrate that it is necessary in the conduct of the applicant's business or employment to possess or use the prohibited weapon for which the permit is sought.

For Recreational / Sporting Purposes

The applicant must demonstrate that the recreational or sporting activity concerned requires the possession or use of the prohibited weapon for which the permit is sought.

People wishing to apply for a Prohibited Weapons Permit for a silencer should read the [Fact Sheet and Supplementary Information](#), which detail the information that is required to support an application for a silencer for their nominated genuine reason.