

FIREARMS REGISTRY



FIREARMS REGISTRY DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PERMIT TO ACQUIRE A FIREARM

From 4 July 2023, Permits to Acquire a Firearm (PTA) are being issued digitally to all customers with a Gun Safe account.

Once a permit to acquire has been issued, customers will receive an email notifying them that their PTA is available via their Gun Safe Customer Portal. If a customer has not yet created a Gun Safe account, they will continue to receive PTAs issued via post.

The following information has been prepared to help NSW dealers and customers understand these important changes and what they should expect following the implementation of digital PTAs.

Is a person still required to apply to the Commissioner for a PTA?

Yes, any person wishing to acquire a firearm must still hold a current NSW firearms licence or permit and must apply to the Firearms Registry to be issued a PTA. A separate PTA is still required in respect of each firearm to be acquired. A person can apply for a PTA online via the NSW Police Force Community Portal.

How does a customer receive their digital PTA?

The Firearms Registry will send an SMS alert and an email notifying the customer that their PTA has been issued and can be accessed via the Gun Safe Customer Portal under the 'My Documents' tile. If a customer has not yet created a Gun Safe account, they will continue to receive PTAs issued via post.

Has the format of a PTA changed?

As part of the review to digitise permits to acquire, the PTA format has been updated to a more contemporary style and layout. The format of all permits to acquire issued via post from 5 July 2023 will also change to the new format. A sample of the new format can be found on page 3.

Can a PTA in the previous format still be used?

If the PTA has an issue date prior to 5 July 2023, this is a valid format and should be accepted. Any PTAs presented with a issue date post 5 July 2023 must be in the new format. You can find the permit issue date in the top left-hand corner of the PTA under the licence number.

What are the benefits of a digital PTA?

Digital PTAs eliminate time-consuming delays associated with the printing and posting of paper-based documents and help to further streamline transactions completed via the Gun Safe Dealers Portal.

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.

Locked Bag 5102, Parramatta NSW 2124

Tel: 1300 362 562

Interstate: 02 6670 8590

Email: firearms@police.nsw.gov.au

Website: www.police.nsw.gov.au/firearms

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How does a customer present a digital PTA to purchase a firearm?

If the dealer is using the Gun Safe Dealers Portal (Dealers Portal), the customer can display the issued PTA on their mobile or other electronic device by logging into the Gun Safe Customer Portal. Once the PTA has been presented, the Dealer can complete the transaction in the Dealers Portal.

If the transaction is not completed using the Dealers Portal, the customer **must** provide a printed version of the issued PTA to the Dealer. The Dealer must also ensure they check the status of the licence holder on the public register. The transaction must not take place if the licence is not current or if the holder is no longer licenced for the category of firearm specified on the PTA.

Do Dealers need to provide the Firearms Registry a copy of the notice of purchase or notice of disposal if they submit the transaction via the Dealers Portal?

No, the mandatory requirements to upload a notice of purchase and/or notice of disposal in dealer transactions has been amended to a discretionary upload. Dealers also do **not** need to send these notices to the Firearms Registry via post or email.

Do Dealers need to provide the Firearms Registry a copy of the notice of purchase or notice of disposal if the transaction is **not** submitted via the Dealers Portal?

If the dealer transaction is not submitted through the Dealers Portal, the customer must provide the dealer a printed version of the issued PTA, and the notice of purchase and/or notice of disposal is still required to be sent to the Firearms Registry within 7 days.

How long does the digital permit to acquire a firearm remain in force?

There have been no changes with respect to the period of time that a PTA remains in force. Unless revoked, or the person's NSW firearms licence or permit is no longer valid, a PTA remains in force from the time it is issued for a period of 90 days or until the firearm to which the permit relates is acquired.

Is there any change to the fee for a digital or paper-based PTA?

There has been no change to the prescribed fee for a permit to acquire a firearm.

Can a PTA be used to acquire an unregistered firearm?

A PTA cannot be used to acquire an unregistered firearm.

Can a police officer complete the paperwork to transfer ownership of a firearm?

A police officer is authorised by the Commissioner to witness the supply of a firearm where a licensed firearms dealer is not reasonably available. The customer must provide police a printed version of the issued permit to acquire a firearm.

PERMIT TO ACQUIRE

NSW Firearms Act 1996

The top section of this Permit will provide an interim Registration Certificate for a period of 60 days from the date of acquisition of a firearm of the type authorised by the Permit, provided the Notice of Acquisition was forwarded to the Commissioner within 7 days of the date of acquisition.

Gauser Box
3/ MAIN ST
STOKERS SIDING NSW 2484

Permit Number

10086506

Licence Number

403488979

Permit Issue Date

05/06/2023

Permit Expiry Date

03/09/2023

Type of Firearm to be acquired

H5 -HANDGUN (NOT A PROHIBITED PISTOL)

The firearm was acquired from-
(Please mark one box only with an 'X')

NSW ☐ INTERSTATE ☐

TO BE COMPLETED BY A DEALER OR POLICE OFFICER (See over - Note 6)

Dealers Licence No.	Registration No.	Serial Number	Date Acquired
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Make	Model		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Calibre	Police Station		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Dealer/Police Officer Name	Dealer or Police Officer Signature		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		

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NSW Firearms Act 1996

Permit Holder**A. MUST BE DATED AND SIGNED BY THE PERMIT HOLDER**

After completion, please detach and send via email to firearms@police.nsw.gov.au or by post to Firearms Registry, Locked Bag 5102, Parramatta NSW 2124

Date Acquired	Permit Holder's Signature
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

B. IF A NSW REGISTERED FIREARM, A DEALER OR POLICE OFFICER MUST COMPLETE SECTIONS B AND C (If a private supplier)

Make	Model
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Registration Number	Serial Number
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Additional Barrel Registration Number	Additional Barrel Registration Number
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Dealers Licence Number	Dealer or Police Officer Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Police Station	Dealer or Police Officer Signature
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

C. IF THE FIREARM WAS ACQUIRED FROM A PRIVATE OWNER (NON-DEALER), PLEASE PROVIDE THE SUPPLIER'S DETAILS BELOW.

Family or Business Name	Licence/Permit Number
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Supplier's Signature	
<input type="text"/>	

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ABN 43 408 613 180

This Permit is subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The Permit can only be used to acquire the category of firearm nominated on the permit.
- 2) The Permit can only be used by the person nominated on the Permit.
- 3) An expired Permit cannot be used. If the Permit expires before you acquire a firearm, you must apply for another Permit.
- 4) The Permit Holder must produce their valid Firearms Licence or Firearms Permit when acquiring a firearm.
- 5) If you are acquiring a firearm from a person other than a licensed firearms dealer, the acquisition must be arranged through a licensed firearms dealer.
- 6) Where a licensed firearms dealer is more than 100 km from the ordinary place of residence of both the acquirer and supplier, an authorised police officer may witness the sale.
- 7) With the exception of a Permit issued for the acquisition of a large calibre pistol, this Permit does not authorise the acquisition of a prohibited pistol.
- 8) If the acquisition is not conducted on Gun Safe by the dealer, section 37(2) of the Firearms Act 1996 requires the Notice of Acquisition to be forwarded to the Firearms Registry within 7 days from the date of the sale.

NOTICE OF ACQUISITION - Outside NSW

NSW Firearms Act 1996

D. TO BE COMPLETED WHEN THE FIREARM IS ACQUIRED FROM OUTSIDE OF NSW

The firearm was acquired from (Mark one box only with an 'X')

ACT ☐ QLD ☐ VIC ☐ TAS ☐ SA ☐ WA ☐ NT ☐ Date Acquired

Registration No.	Model
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Make	Primary Barrel Serial Number
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Serial Number	Calibre
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Type	Propellant Type
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Loading Action	Actuation Type
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Barrel length (mm)	Magazine Capacity
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Additional Barrel Serial Number	Calibre
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If the firearm has more than one additional barrel, mark this box with an 'X' and attach the details of the additional barrel/s. ☐

Dealers Licence Number	Signature
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

E. IF THE FIREARM WAS ACQUIRED FROM A PRIVATE OWNER (NON-DEALER), PLEASE PROVIDE THE SUPPLIER'S DETAILS BELOW

Family or Business Name	Licence/Permit Number
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Street Number & Street Name	Suburb
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	State
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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