Welcome to the November Edition of the Dealers Bulletin – We are back!

Please regularly check the “What’s New and Events” on the home page of our website for updates or information that may impact on Firearms Dealers.

Ensure your email address is kept up to date with us as regular emails will be sent advising of upcoming changes.

This bulletin will focus on post Amnesty issues, prohibited weapons, PAB28 register, Firearms Regulation 2017 & Weapons Prohibition Regulation 2017.

**Firearms and Weapons Amnesty 2017**

As you are aware, New South Wales together with all other States and Territories, conducted a three (3) month amnesty which started on 1 July 2017 and concluded at midnight on 30 September 2017. The Amnesty itself has not been extended, we will however, be leaving the amnesty team in place until 31 December 2017 as a resource for you to seek post amnesty advice.

We take this opportunity to thank all participating firearm dealers for their effort and support during the amnesty.

An email was sent to you requesting the return of all documentation relating to the amnesty to be sent to the Firearms Registry by COB 27 October 2017. This included a copy of the spreadsheet which itemised all surrendered items collected by Police.

I note that some firearms dealers are still waiting for Police to collect the items from your dealership. Please advise this office if you are having any problems organising the collection of these items to finalise all paperwork.

You may choose to email a copy of the surrender spreadsheet to fireammnesty@police.nsw.gov.au which will remain valid until 30 November 2017.

If you have any questions in relation to the Amnesty please contact the Firearms Registry on 1300 362 562. Alternatively you may send an email to dealers@police.nsw.gov.au after 30 November 2017.
Prohibited Weapons

Did you know, there are a number of firearm related items which are regulated under the *Weapons Prohibition Act 1998*? For example, some magazines are defined as a prohibited weapon at item 4(4) of Schedule 1.

4. A **detachable firearm magazine** of any of the following kinds:
   (a) a rimfire rifle magazine with a capacity of more than 15 rounds.
   (b) a centre-fire self-loading rifle magazine with a capacity of more than 5 rounds.
   (c) a centre-fire rifle magazine (other than a self loading rifle magazine) with a capacity of more than 10 rounds.
   (d) a shotgun magazine with a capacity of more than 5 rounds.
   (e) a tubular magazine extension that is capable of extending the capacity of any firearm.
   (f) a pistol magazine with a capacity of more than 10 rounds.
   (g) any magazine designed to be attached to any machine gun, sub-machine gun or other firearm that is capable of propelling projectiles in rapid succession following one pressure of the trigger.

Please ensure that you are aware of the need to be authorised as a PW Dealer where you seek to possess and supply such items. They are not automatically authorised or captured by the scope and authority of your firearms dealer licence issued under the *Firearms Act 1996*.

**Firearms Regulation 2017 & Weapons Prohibition Regulation 2017**

The *Firearms Regulation 2017* and *Weapons Prohibition Regulation 2017* commenced on September 1, 2017.

You can view and/or print both of the Regulations from our website. They are available from either the ‘what’s new’ icon or under the ‘legislation’ icon. We highly recommend that you familiarise yourself with the contents of both and how they relate to the associated Acts. Our Fact sheets and other documentation available on our website are currently in the process of being updated with amendments as required.


You can also find the document under the “Dealers” tab on the website.
Safe Storage – vacant properties

With the commencement of the *Firearms Regulation 2017*, there is an important insertion to the Regulation in relation to safe storage and vacant properties. As Dealers/Armourers you are a main contact point in relation to the sale of safes and generally in relation to assistance in completing Permit to Acquire applications and as such it is important to make note of this inclusion. Clause 38 provides that a firearm must not be stored on land that is used wholly or partly for residential purposes unless:

..’(a) residential premises on the land are the principal place of residence of a person (whether or not that person is the licensee), or
(b) a person is residing at residential premises on the land when the firearm is stored there (whether or not that person is the licensee).
(2) The holder of a licence who stored a firearm on land used wholly or partly for residential purposes must not store the firearm in a building or other structure that is separate from residential premises on the land unless that separate building or other structure is in such proximity to the residential premises that it is easily observed from the residential premises.’

PAB 28 Register

As a Firearms Dealer you must have a PAB28 Register which is a register of your acquisition and disposal of firearms (including dealers utilising Firearmslink. Section 45 of the *Firearms Act 1996* provides the legislative requirements for recording of transactions. In particular section 45(4) of the Act provides, “A record must be made and kept in the form approved by the Commissioner.”

The form that is approved for record keeping in accordance with the above provision is the PAB28 register.

If you do not have a PAB28 register, please order through Zions Pty Ltd. They can be contacted via telephone on 95971766 or via email at sales@zions.com.au. The order form is also available on our website on the Dealers page under ‘additional information’.
Resources available for dealers and armourers

Contact Email addresses for the Dealers unit:
frrego@police.nsw.gov.au – for registration numbers ONLY
dealers@police.nsw.gov.au – for general enquiries

Firearms Registry website:  www.police.nsw.gov.au/online_services/firearms
All information in relation to Dealers can be found on the Dealers page. Including forms and fact sheets.

To verify a licence or Permit to Acquire
  • Check the status of a Permit to Acquire
  • Check the status of a firearms licence

The following Online Services are available:

  • Request Firearms Licence Application Forms
  • Change of Personal Details on your existing licence or permit
  • Request a Duplicate Registration Certificate
  • Google Chrome and Mac Issues Using Online Forms

Resources available include:

  • Dealer News
  • Firearms Dealer Application
  • Theatrical Armourer Application
  • Club Armourer Information
  • Further Information

Firearms and Weapons Prohibition Acts and Regulations

The Firearms Registry office is not open to the general public.
Customers may contact us via email on the contacts page of the website
https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/services/firearms/contact_us