

# FIREARMS REGISTRY

## Exemption - Persons Posted Outside NSW (ADF, Police and Public Servants)

This FACT sheet provides information regarding an exemption for NSW firearms licence holders, who are Australian Defence Force members, Police or Public Servants, and posted to a position outside NSW or required to reside outside NSW as a condition of employment.

Clause 124 of the *Firearms Regulation 2017* refers.

### **What is the exemption?**

A NSW firearms licence holder who is a member of the Australian Defence Force, a State or Commonwealth police officer or is employed in the Public Service, Teaching Service, NSW Health Service or NSW Police Force and is posted to a position outside NSW or required to reside outside NSW as a condition of employment, is exempt from:

- \* The requirement to relinquish their NSW firearms licence while posted/residing outside NSW, and
- \* Participation requirements for club members as per Part 10 of the *Firearms Regulation 2017* (the Regulations) while posted/residing outside NSW

This exemption relates only to the above requirements and persons who are afforded this exemption must still comply with all other legislative requirements for their category of licence and/or genuine reason.

### **What conditions apply?**

You must notify the Firearms Registry within 30 days after ceasing to reside in NSW and you must remain the holder of a valid NSW firearms licence for the period of your deployment outside NSW. You are not eligible for the benefit of this exemption unless you provide notification to the Firearms Registry, in writing or in such other manner as may be approved, within 30 days after ceasing to reside in NSW.

If your NSW firearms licence is suspended or revoked or expires, the authority conferred by clause 124 of the Regulations ceases.

### **What notification is required?**

Complete the 'Exemption Notification - Posted Outside NSW (ADF, Police and Public Servants)' form including your:

- \* NSW firearms licence number
- \* Personal information and contact details
- \* Interstate residential address and mailing address
- \* Safe keeping address for your firearms.

A designated official of your Government Agency must complete and sign the Employer Declaration section of the form confirming your posting and the period of deployment.

The 'Exemption Notification - Posted Outside NSW (ADF, Police and Public Servants)' form is available on the 'Interstate' page of the Firearms Registry website.

### **Do I need to notify the Interstate Firearms Registry?**

Yes. If you are taking firearms into another State or Territory you must contact the Interstate Firearms Registry and advise them of your situation. The exemption provided under Clause 124 of the Regulations applies to your NSW firearms licence only and does not automatically confer authority to possess your NSW registered firearms in another jurisdiction therefore, you must contact the Firearms Registry in the State or Territory where you'll be residing. A list of Interstate Firearms Registry contacts is available on our website.

### **What if my NSW firearms licence comes up for renewal while I am posted interstate?**

The exemption is only afforded while your NSW firearms licence remains valid. If your licence is due to expire during the exemption period, a renewal notice will be posted to your interstate address 90 days prior to the expiry date of your current licence. This notice will include instructions on how to submit your reapplication online through ServiceNSW ([www.service.nsw.gov.au](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au)).

Arrangements will be made with you regarding the issue of your new firearms licence photo card.

### **What if my situation changes during the period I am posted interstate?**

If there is a change to your situation during the period of being posted outside NSW, contact the NSW Firearms Registry and provide details of the change. For example, if there's a change to your interstate address or the period of being posted, this information needs to be updated on your NSW firearms licence file at the Firearms Registry.

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## Safe keeping of firearms

Whether your registered firearms are moved to your interstate address or remain in safe keeping in NSW, you must comply with the safe keeping requirements of Part 4 of the *Firearms Act 1996* (the Act) and notify the Firearms Registry of the safe storage location of the firearms by completing the 'Safe Storage of NSW Registered Firearms for Persons Posted Outside NSW (ADF, Police and Public Servants)'.

## Firearms to remain stored in NSW

You must comply with the applicable legislative safe storage requirements. The level of safe storage applicable is dependent on the type of firearms for which you are authorised - further information is available on the 'Safe Storage' page on our website.

## Firearms moved to your interstate address

While your firearms are stored interstate, you will need to comply with the safe keeping requirements of the interstate jurisdiction. You must seek advice regarding these requirements with the relevant Interstate Firearms Registry.

## Combination of NSW and interstate safe storage

You must complete the 'Safe Storage of NSW Registered Firearms for Persons Posted Outside NSW (ADF, Police and Public Servants)' and indicate the firearms being stored interstate and the firearms remaining in NSW.

## [Related Information](#) -

'Exemption Notification-Posted Outside NSW (ADF, Police & Public Servants)' Form, 'Safe Storage of NSW Registered Firearms for Persons Posted Outside NSW (ADF, Police and Public Servants)' Form, 'Safe Storage Level One - Category A and B Requirements', 'Safe Storage Level Two - Category C, D and H Requirements', 'Interstate Firearms Registry Contact List'.

## [Checklist](#)

Please ensure you complete:

- Exemption Notification-Posted Outside NSW (ADF, Police & Public Servants) Form
- Safe Storage of NSW Registered Firearms for Persons Posted Outside NSW (ADF, Police and Public Servants) Form
- Employer Declaration
- Safe keeping arrangements for your firearms, either in NSW or interstate
- Contact the Firearms Registry in the State/Territory where you will be residing

## Firearms Registry

### Address

Locked Bag 5102  
Parramatta NSW 2124

### Telephone

1300 362 562

### Interstate

02 66708590

### Fax

02 66708558

### Email

[firearmsenq@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:firearmsenq@police.nsw.gov.au)

### Website

[www.police.nsw.gov.au/firearms](http://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 *Firearms Act 1996* and the associated Regulation, which are available on the NSW Legislation website - [www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au).



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