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# What's New

## ***Commencement of the Firearms Amendment (Museum Firearms Permits) Regulation 2019***

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In 2017, the NSW Government enhanced the regulation of firearms and prohibited weapons with the remake of the *Firearms Regulation 2017* and *Weapons Prohibition Regulation 2017* with amendments to improve the regime and reduce red tape.

With the remake of the *Firearms Regulation 2017* an amendment was made to firearms museum permit conditions to require any pistol or any prohibited firearm that is part of the collection to be rendered permanently inoperable.

Some firearms museums raised concerns about the above requirement and following consultation between museums and the NSW Police Force, the *Firearms Amendment (Museum Firearms Permits) Regulation 2019* was published on 30 August 2019.

The following is a summary of the key changes:

- The Commissioner of Police and his delegate, being the Commander of the Firearms Registry, may grant a museum an exemption of the requirement that pistols and prohibited firearms that are part of, or become part of, the collection be rendered permanently inoperable, if satisfied that it is reasonable in the circumstances. *Note: Considerations may relate to the firearms themselves such as their value, historical importance, condition of firearm, or may relate to the environment in which they are stored, for example, that the safe storage exceeds the minimum standard for display.*
- The museum exemption may be granted unconditionally or subject to conditions and may be amended or revoked at any time.

- The existing requirement that all other firearms which form part of the collection, must be rendered temporarily inoperable, continues to apply to any pistol or any prohibited firearm that is currently in the collection or becomes part of the collection.
- Firearm museum permits now also relate to ammunition as well as firearms.
- Employees and other persons engaged in the operation of a museum, are nominated by the permit holder and approved by the Commissioner.

The Firearms Registry will communicate to all holders of firearms museum permits to advise them of the regulatory changes and invite them to apply for an exemption.

Any enquiries on this matter can be submitted via the Contact Us page on this website.