

Peak Firearms Associations - Expression of Interest Guide

The information contained within this guide provides information on the process to apply to become a peak firearms association, as prescribed in clause 97(3)(d) of the *Firearms Regulation 2017*.

Criteria for a new peak firearms association

The following is the criteria for obtaining status as a peak firearms association.

A peak firearms association must:

- Undertake activities in NSW and be able to approve and support clubs based in NSW
- Provide a report relating to the clubs under their approval to the Firearms Registry relating to those clubs joining, leaving and if any compliance issues identified and not reported by member clubs, to report to the Firearms Registry
- Have principles and objectives aligned with member clubs and have capacity to provide member clubs a range of policies, rules, coaching, training guidelines
- Provide clubs support, knowledge, and information specific to the relevant interest or discipline and publish the information
- Sport shooting peak firearms associations wishing to offer pathways to Commonwealth Games and/or Olympic Games and/or world championships (as required of approved clubs in the National Firearms Agreement) should also provide guidance to club on rules, coaching, and training guidelines and appropriate structures to support active participation in relevant competitions
- Be able to nominate for the Firearms Registry Consultative Council for ongoing consultation on firearms matters not related specifically to the association
- Communicate regularly with the Firearms Registry

Expectations

The following are the expectations of peak firearms associations:

- Peak firearm associations must have a constitution
- Principles and objectives should be aligned between affiliated clubs and peak firearms associations (with appropriate discretion regarding structures)
- Peak firearms associations should have a level of oversight of clubs
- Peak firearms associations should have policies to help guide their member clubs
- Peak firearms associations should communicate regularly with the Firearms Registry and report to the Firearms Registry on clubs joining and leaving (to be included in a future digital solution)
- Peak firearms associations may also report on compliance issues if not reported by member clubs
- Peak firearms associations should ensure the timely sharing of information between clubs and associations and maintain regular contact with affiliated clubs to ensure that they are operating in a manner that meets the expectation of the peak firearms association

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Firearms Registry Consultative Council

The Firearms Registry Consultative Council has been established to create a forum for the regular exchange of information and ideas between those involved in firearms regulation and the NSW Police Force on issues relevant to firearms regulation and public safety.

The Committee includes the firearms industry, sport, interest areas such as collecting or hunting, manufacturing, importation, retail, primary production, gun control, victim services, public health and law reform. The focus is on sector experts who can contribute constructively to raising opportunities, and identifying barriers, for the better regulation of firearms and to improving compliance with legislative requirements.

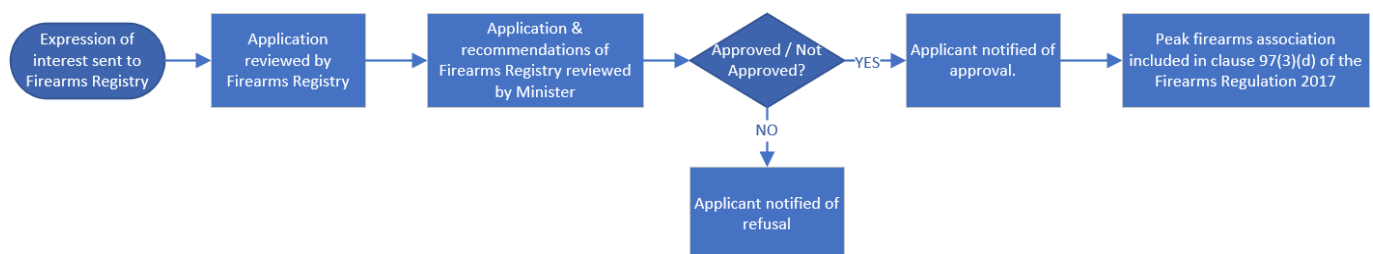
The Firearms Registry Consultative Council will provide communication and consultation with peak firearm associations where appropriate.

Further information is available on the [Firearms Registry Consultative Council](#) webpage.

Approval process

The following steps detail the approval process to become a peak firearms association:

- Submit an expression of interest application using the [application form](#) which highlights how they meet the criteria of a peak firearm association (see criteria section)
- The expression of interest is reviewed and considered by the Firearms Registry. The Firearms Registry will make recommendations to the Minister
- The Minister will accept/disagree with the recommendations
- If successful, the peak firearms association will be included in the associations prescribed in clause 97(3)(d) of the *Firearms Regulation 2017*. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing



The [expression of interest application form](#) is available on the [Peak Firearms Association webpage](#) on the Firearms Registry website. Your completed form and detailed written response demonstrating each of the criteria should be submitted to:

Attention: Manager, Operations and Policy
Firearms Registry
Locked Bag 5102
Parramatta NSW 2134
Email: firearms@police.nsw.gov.au

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