

Legislative Requirements

Firearms Collector Licence

The holder of a firearms collector licence is subject to the following legislative requirements under the *Firearms Act 1996* (NSW) (**Act**) and *Firearms Regulation 2017* (NSW) (**Regulation**) and any conditions of their licence, as well as the [General Legislative Requirements](#) for firearms licence holders.

Authority

A firearms collector licence authorises the licensee to possess the firearms to which the licence applies for the purpose of a firearms collection.

The licensee is not authorised to use the firearms to which the firearms collector licence applies.

A firearms collector licence also authorises the display of firearms in a firearms collection at a meeting of an approved collectors' society or club, and the exhibiting of firearms in the firearms collection at an authorised arms fair (clauses 36(8) and 71(2)(b) of the Regulation).

The following firearms are excluded under this licence category.

- (i) Post-1946 pistols are generally excluded from this licence category, unless the special provisions in section 17C of the Act are complied with and the Commissioner exercises discretion under that section authorising a person to possess a post-1946 pistol.
- (ii) Any prohibited firearm (other than those firearms to which a category C licence or category D licence applies). (section 8 of the Act).

A firearms collector licence does not authorise the possession of ammunition for any firearm that is part of the firearms collection to which the licence relates (section 9(3) of the Act). A separate permit is required to possess ammunition for firearms held under this category of licence.

Conditions

The following conditions are imposed on a collector licence.

- Any prohibited firearm (being a firearm to which a category D licence applies) that is part of the collection must be rendered permanently inoperable in the manner prescribed by clause 36(2)-(5) of the Regulation (section 20(a) of the Act).
- Any other firearm that is part of the collection, and that was manufactured after 1900 or that is a prohibited pistol, must be rendered temporarily inoperable by removing the bolt or firing mechanism and keeping it separate from the firearm in a locked container of a type approved by the Commissioner, or by using a trigger lock of a type approved by the Commissioner (section 20(b) of the Act).
- Any prohibited firearm (being a firearm to which a category C or category D licence applies) that is part of the collection can only be supplied —
 - (i) to a licensed firearms dealer who is authorised to possess those types of prohibited firearms; or
 - (ii) through a licensed firearms dealer to the holder of a firearms collector licence who is authorised to possess those types of prohibited firearms (section 20(c) of the Act).
- Any prohibited firearm (being a firearm to which a category C licence or category D licence applies) that is intended to be part of the collection can only be acquired from a licensed firearms dealer or through a licensed firearms dealer from the holder of a firearms collector licence (section 20(d) of the Act).
- Any firearm that is part of the collection can only be kept on premises approved by the Commissioner, and must be stored in accordance with the standards prescribed by clause 36(6)-(7) of the Regulation (section 20(e) of the Act). Furthermore, a person in possession of a firearm must take all reasonable precautions to ensure its

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safe keeping, that it is not stolen or lost, and that it does not come into the possession of a person who is not authorised to possess it (section 39 of the Act).

- That the licensee must comply with any applicable requirements of Part 10 of the Regulation (which relates to participation requirements for club members), including that:
 - the licensee must be a member of at least one approved collectors' society or club and must, during each compliance period for such a society or club of which the person is a member, attend at least one meeting of an approved collectors' society or club of which the licensee is a member (clause 109 of the Regulation); and
 - if the licensee is a member of more than one approved collectors' society or club, they must nominate a principal club of which they are a member and with which they will mainly be involved, notify the Commissioner of the nominated principal club in writing or as otherwise approved, and, if they participate in any compliance activity of a club that is not the principal club, they must notify the principal club in writing of the details of that compliance activity within each compliance period of the principal club (clause 111 of the Regulation).

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