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What's New

Commencement of the Firearms and Weapons Legislation Amendment Act 2017

On 1 November 2017, the *Firearms and Weapons Legislation Amendment Act 2017* amends the *Firearms Act 1996*, the *Firearms Regulation 2017*, the *Weapons Prohibition Act 1998* and the *Weapons Prohibition Regulation 2017* to provide for the updated National Firearms Agreement.

The *Firearms and Weapons Legislation Amendment Act 2017* can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/bills/DBAssets/bills/BillText/3399/b2016-151-d13_House.pdf

One of the significant changes is the re-categorisation of lever action shotguns. Previously, all lever action shotguns were classified as Category A firearms. Lever action shotguns are now categorised as follows:

- Category B – Lever action shotguns with a magazine capacity of no more than five rounds.
- Category D – Lever action shotguns with a magazine capacity of more than five rounds.

The Firearms Registry is communicating with all licence holders who own a lever action shotgun to provide details regarding the arrangements that will occur to accommodate each circumstance.

Affected licence holders are reminded that whilst your current firearms licence remains in force, you will continue to be authorised to possess and use your shotgun whilst the transitional arrangements are being finalised.

Please be advised that we are endeavouring to update all available resources to reflect the legislation changes. However, given the significance of the amendments and due to the recent remake of both the *Firearms Regulation 2017* and the *Weapons Prohibition Regulation 2017*, there will be a transitional period applicable.

We will continue to utilise the 'What's New' page to highlight other changes resulting from the *Firearms and Weapons Legislation Amendment Act 2017* and provide answers to frequently asked questions as they may arise.

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