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# FIREARMS REGISTRY

## Scientific Purposes Permit

P 634

This FACT sheet provides information on the requirements for obtaining a Scientific Purposes Permit - clause 72 of the *Firearms Regulation 2017*.

Persons conducting legitimate scientific research, who require the use of a firearm for that research, must make application for a permit to possess and use the firearm.

### What does a Scientific Purposes Permit authorise?

This permit authorises the permit holder and persons employed to assist the permit holder and also specified on the permit, to possess and use firearms in the conduct of legitimate scientific research.

### What is 'legitimate scientific research'?

Research endorsed by a legitimate research body or university. The need for firearms must be established.

**NOTE:** For the purposes of this permit *legitimate scientific research* does not include research about firearms other than research comprising forensic investigation or examination in connection with legal proceedings.

### What is the term of the permit and how much will my permit cost?

The permit will be issued for a maximum term of 5 years and the prescribed fee for this permit is \$75. Your payment must accompany the application.

### What kind of firearms can be acquired on this permit?

Longarms, pistols or tranquilliser firearms.

### Do the firearm/s require registration?

Yes. Firearms used for this purpose require registration.

### Do I need to do anything prior to lodging my application?

Yes. If you have never held a firearms licence or permit in NSW, or you do not currently hold an equivalent issued firearms licence or permit interstate, you are required to complete a firearm safety training course for longarms, pistols and/or tranquilliser firearms.

#### For longarm/pistol training providers contact:

The Firearms Safety Training Council - 02 94863077,  
The Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (SSAA) - 1300746683,  
Department of Primary Industries, Game Licensing Unit - 02 63913750,  
Your nearest firearms club or the NSW Firearms Registry.

#### For tranquilliser firearm training providers contact:

Ronald Toning - 02 45731783 (02 45731743 FAX), or  
Gary Bryant, Firearms Safety & Training Council - 02 94863077.

When you have completed the safety training course/s, include your certificate/s with your permit application.

### What about safe storage?

The permit holder must comply with the safe keeping requirements of the *Firearms Act 1996* in relation to firearms authorised by this permit. The level of safe storage applicable is dependent on the type of firearms for which you are authorised. See the FACT Sheets on the 'Safe Storage' page available on our website or by requesting a copy of the applicable FACT Sheet by contacting the Firearms Registry.

### What about persons employed to assist in this research?

Persons to be listed and authorised by this permit (in addition to the permit holder) must complete a P635 'Application for a Person to be Authorised on a Firearms Permit' form (separate form for each person); and

- \* Provide proof of identity totalling 100 points (if the person does not hold a current licence or permit), and
- \* Provide evidence of successful completion of the appropriate safety training course for longarms, pistols and/or tranquilliser firearms (if applicable).

### How do I apply for an Scientific Purposes Permit?

You must complete the P634 'Application for a Firearms Permit' form and the 'Scientific Purposes Legitimate Reason' form and where applicable provide any supporting documentation. Please see the reverse of this FACT Sheet for instructions on how to complete the P634 form.

# Instructions for completing the Firearms Permit Application Form

## FIREARMS PERMIT APPLICATION FORM (P634)

### NEW APPLICATION / REAPPLICATION

Mark appropriate box (new application or reapplication) and insert any previous or current firearms licence or permit number.

### SECTION A - PERMIT TYPE

From the drop down list select the type of permit relevant to this application. If the permit is not listed in the drop down list, enter the type of permit you require in the space provided.

### SECTION B - NOMINATED PERSON/BUSINESS OR NOMINATED PERMIT HOLDER/INDIVIDUAL

Insert your full name, date of birth, gender, NSW drivers licence (if held), contact phone numbers, email address and supply details if you have been known by any other names.

### SECTION C - RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Insert your full residential address in this section.

### SECTION D - POSTAL ADDRESS

If the postal address is the same as the residential address, mark the box. If your postal address is different to your residential address, insert your postal address in this section.

### SECTION E - BUSINESS, CLUB OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY DETAILS

If this application is being made by a Business, Club or Government Agency, provide details in this section and attach supporting documentation.

### SECTION F - SAFEKEEPING ADDRESS OF FIREARMS

If the safekeeping address is the same as the residential address, select 'YES' in the box. If your firearm safekeeping address is different to your residential address, insert the address in this section.

### SECTION G - PERSONAL HISTORY

Answer each question by selecting a 'YES' or 'NO' from the drop down list. If you answer 'YES' to any question, provide details as an attachment.

### SECTION H - DECLARATION

The application must be signed and dated by the applicant.

### SECTION I - FEE

The prescribed fee for this permit is \$75. Your payment must accompany the application.

### RELATED INFORMATION

See FACT Sheets:

'100 Point Identification',

'Safe Storage Level One - Category A & B Requirements',

'Safe Storage Level Two - Category C, D & H Requirements',

'Transportation of Firearms'.

## Firearms Registry

### Address

Locked Bag 5102  
Parramatta NSW 2124

### Telephone

1300362562

### Interstate

02 66708590

### Fax

02 66708558

### Email

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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