

FIREARMS REGISTRY



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PRIMARY PRODUCTION GENUINE REASON

All persons wishing to obtain a firearms licence in NSW must have a genuine reason to obtain the licence.

This fact sheet provides information on the requirements for obtaining a firearms licence for the genuine reason of Primary Production.

What requirements must be met for this Genuine Reason?

This genuine reason authorises a primary producer to possess and use a firearm in connection with farming and grazing activities, including the suppression of vertebrate pest animals, on land that the applicant owns, manages or leases, that is used for the business of primary production.

A category C licence issued for the genuine reason of primary production authorises the licence holder to possess and use category C firearms, in connection with farming and grazing activities, including the suppression of vertebrate pest animals, on their own land and on land that is used for primary production that immediately adjoins their own land. Prior written approval from the owner or occupier of the adjoining land must be obtained before using category C firearms on that land.

If a primary producer is required to possess or use firearms for any other purpose, an application must be made for the appropriate genuine reason (for example: recreational hunting/vermin control).

What categories of licence are available for this Genuine Reason?

Category A, B and/or C. Any person wishing to make application for a licence over and above a category A licence must also produce evidence of a special need.

The online application form has provision for completion of a special need. Select a reason from the options provided which most closely describes your special need to possess or use the selected firearm category.

How do I prove that I am a Primary Producer for the purpose of this Genuine Reason?

The following documents are acceptable to prove status as a primary producer:

- * Primary production declaration signed by a registered tax agent or qualified accountant
- * Tax averaging certificate or tax assessment notice
- * Letter from an accountant or solicitor confirming you are in the business of primary production

NOTE: These documents must be less than 12 months old.

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.

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What other documentation do I need to provide?

Owner of land used for primary production:

- * A copy of Council rates notice, or
- * A copy of Valuer General Assessment notice, or
- * A copy of a mortgage document

Lessee of property used for primary production:

- * A copy of lease agreement, or
- * A letter from the owner of the land confirming you lease the property

Manager of land used for primary production:

- * A letter from the owner of the land confirming employment as the manager, which includes the owner/ occupiers details (full name and contact details), your details, address and size of the land used for primary production, your job duties that require the possession and use of firearms and the types of firearms permitted to be used, and
- * A copy of the owner's primary production declaration or evidence that you are in the business of primary production

What if I have employees?

An Employee Authority is available for a person employed by a primary producer authorising possession and use of a category C firearm registered to the primary producer in connection with the employer's farming or grazing activities.

The employee can apply via the [Application for an Employee Authority](#) form to be authorised to possess and use category C firearms. If approved, the employee may possess and use category C firearms on land owned or occupied by the primary producer or on adjoining land used for primary production for which prior written approval has been obtained by the employer.

Alternatively, if the employee requires possession and use of category A and B firearms, they may apply for a firearms licence for the genuine reason applicable to their circumstances (e.g. recreational hunting/vermin control).

Further information / related information

Firearms Registry website: www.police.nsw.gov.au/firearms

NSW Police Force Community Portal: portal.police.nsw.gov.au/s/online-firearm-applications

See fact sheets:

- ['Information on obtaining a Firearms Licence in NSW'](#)
- ['Fee Schedule'](#)
- ['Safe Storage Level 1 - Category A and B Requirements'](#)
- ['Safe Storage Level 2 - Category C, D and H Requirements'](#)
- ['Transportation of Firearms'](#)
- ['Ammunition Safe Storage, Acquisition and Possession'](#)