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FIREARMS REGISTRY

Primary Production Genuine Reason

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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 can I have for this Genuine Reason?

Category A, B 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 special need.

- * Special need for a category B licence is established by listing the types of animals/pests to be humanely destroyed or controlled, the reasons why a category B firearm is required and why firearms covered by a category A licence is not sufficient.
- * Special need for a category C licence is established by listing the types of animals/pests to be humanely destroyed or controlled and the reasons why a category C firearm is required and why firearms covered by a category A or B licence is not sufficient. Primary Producers holding a category C firearms licence are restricted to only one rifle and one shotgun to which the category C licence applies.

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.

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 that the applicant leases the property.

Manager of land used for primary production:

- * A letter from the owner of the land confirming employment as the manager, including approval to use the types of firearms for which the application is being made, on the nominated property, AND
- * A copy of the owner's Primary Production Declaration is also required.

What if I have employees working for me?

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 on a P565 '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 (eg. Recreational Hunting/Vermin Control).

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Firearms Registry

What else do I need to obtain a firearms licence?

With your online application you must provide one of the following:

- * Details of your previously held NSW firearms licence under the *Firearms Act 1996* for the same category of licence for which you are now applying, or
- * Details of your currently issued interstate firearms licence for the same category of licence for which you are now applying, or
- * Upload a copy of the certificate obtained when you successfully completed the firearms safety training course.

For training providers contact:

- * Firearms Safety Training Council - Phone: 02 9486 3077, or
- * Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (SSAA) - Phone: 1300 746 683, or
- * Department of Primary Industries Game Licensing Unit - Phone: 02 63913750, or
- * Your nearest firearms club.

How do I make application for a firearms licence?

You can apply for a firearms licence online at Service NSW (www.service.nsw.gov.au).

To complete your online application you will need:

- * A MyServiceNSW Account linked to NSW Police Force
- * Supporting documents for your Genuine Reason and Special Need
- * Firearms Safety Training Course Certificate (if applicable)
- * Credit card for payment of the licence fee (if applicable)

Further information about each genuine reason can be found on the relevant FACT Sheets on the Licence and Genuine Reason page on the Firearms Registry website.

How much will my firearms licence cost?

A personal firearms licence is issued for a period of 2 or 5 years.

2 year licence = \$100

5 year licence = \$200

Payment is made by credit card at the time of completing the online application.

A primary producer with the sole genuine reason of Primary Production is exempt from the fees for a licence application and registration of any firearm.

Related Information

See FACT Sheets:

'Fee Schedule',

'Information on obtaining a Firearms Licence in NSW',

'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'.

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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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