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FIREARMS REGISTRY

Film/Television/Theatrical Production Permit

P 634

This FACT sheet provides information on the requirements for obtaining a Film/Television/Theatrical Production Permit - clause 60 of the *Firearms Regulation 2017*.

When firearms are required for a film, television or theatrical production, either a Theatrical Armourer is employed to supervise the possession and use of firearms OR a person may make application for a permit to authorise them to control and supervise the possession and use of firearms for the production.

What does a Film/Television/Theatrical Production Permit authorise?

This permit authorises the permit holder to possess and use firearms for purposes connected with a nominated film, television or theatrical production. The permit holder is responsible for the control, supervision and safe handling of the firearms. The permit holder is also responsible for maintaining security over the firearms at all times and needs to consider the general competency and proficiency with firearms of persons being supervised, the number of persons being supervised and the number who are actively engaged in shooting when deciding what is an adequate level of supervision.

The permit may also authorise other persons, directly involved in the production and listed on the permit, to possess and use firearms in connection with the production, but only under the direct supervision of the permit holder.

When would I apply for a Film/Television/Theatrical Production Permit?

A person, on behalf of a film, television or theatrical production, would make application for this permit if it was not practical to engage the services of a Theatrical Armourer to remain on-site to supervise the possession and use of firearms for the duration of the production. Firearms used in a production may be provided by a Theatrical Armourer or may be acquired by the permit holder. Note, a permit to acquire is required to acquire a firearm.

All firearms used in a production must be maintained in a safe condition and must be certified by a licensed Theatrical Armourer as capable of using blank cartridges only.

How much will my permit cost?

The prescribed fee for this permit is \$75. Payment must accompany your application.

What is the term of the permit?

The permit will be issued for the duration of the production only.

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 either provide a letter from a Theatrical Armourer indicating that you have received instruction in the security & safe handling of firearms or complete a firearm safety training course for longarms and/or pistols. Include the letter or completed certificate with your permit application.

For training providers contact: The Firearms Safety Training Council - 02 94863077, Sporting Shooters Association Australia - 1300746683, the Department of Primary Industries, Game Licensing Unit - 02 63913750, your nearest firearms club or the NSW Firearms Registry.

What about actors or employees?

Other 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

- * The employer must complete Section E of the P635 form to establish proof of employment status, and
- * If persons to be listed on this permit **do not hold** a current firearms licence or permit, proof of identity totalling 100 points must be provided.

NOTE: Persons under 18 years of age can only be authorised to possess or use firearms with written permission from a parent or legal guardian and the approval of the Commissioner of Police.

What safe storage is applicable to firearms for this permit?

Level 1 storage is required for category A & B firearms.

Level 2 storage is required for category C, D & H firearms.

Prohibited Firearms require differing levels of storage appropriate to their type.(see Related Information over).

How do I apply for an Film/Television/Theatrical Production Permit?

You must complete the P634 'Application for a Firearms Permit' form and the 'Film/Television/Theatrical Production 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. Payment must accompany your 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',
- 'Schedule 1 Prohibited Firearms - Safe Storage Levels 1, 2 & 3',
- 'Recommended Safe Storage for Schedule 1 Prohibited Firearms'.

Firearms Registry

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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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