

FIREARMS REGISTRY

Business or Employment - Business Other

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

This FACT sheet provides information on obtaining a firearms licence for the genuine reason of Business or Employment - Business - Other.

Who can apply for this Genuine Reason?

This genuine reason applies to a person who owns or is employed in a business other than the Security Industry or Commercial Fishing undertaking activities requiring the use of firearms. The scenarios for application under the Business - Other genuine reason are widespread and varied. Therefore, advice should be sought from the Firearms Registry when applying for this genuine reason.

A business application allows for the acquisition and possession of firearms only, not their use. Firearms may be acquired and stored by the business for use by licensed employees.

An individual application allows for possession and use of firearms belonging to the business. Firearms may only be acquired on the individual licence where the employer has provided written agreement that the employee may use their own firearms in connection with employment activities.

What categories of licence can I have for this Genuine Reason?

Category A, B and H firearms only.

Any person wishing to make application for a licence over and above a Category A licence must also produce evidence of special need.

Special need for a Category B or H licence is established by demonstrating that a need exists to possess or use such firearms and why a smaller category of firearm or other means will not suffice.

What about eradication of vermin on non-rural land?

One common application of the Business - Other genuine reason is for eradication of birds or feral animals on non-rural land. (Eradication of feral animals on rural land is covered under the genuine reason of Recreational Hunting/Vermin Control.)

Documentary evidence of ownership or employment in a business undertaking activities requiring the use of firearms must be provided with your application.

Completion of a firearms safety training course for longarms or pistols, as applicable, is also required and you will need to provide a copy of the certificate obtained when you successfully completed the firearms safety training course. Detailed information about training course providers is provided under 'What else do I need to obtain a firearms licence?' overleaf.

As a condition of your licence, you will be required to notify local police prior to any eradication taking place. Public safety will be the responsibility of the licence holder and there must be no public access to areas whilst the eradication is taking place. The applicant must ensure that authorisation is obtained from all relevant authorities (eg: National Parks and Wildlife) prior to the eradication of any protected species of bird or feral animal.

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 a **Business Licence Application** as the owner/operator of a business undertaking activities requiring the use of firearms you will need:

- * A MyServiceNSW Account linked to the NSW Police Force
- * Firearms Safety Training Certificate
- * Supporting documents for your Genuine Reason and Special Need
- * A current credit card for payment of the licence fee.

You must upload details of the activities undertaken and the animals/pests to be destroyed and proof of business ownership to your online application.

To complete an **Individual Licence Application** as a person employed in a business undertaking activities requiring the use of firearms you will need:

- * A MyServiceNSW Account linked to the NSW Police Force
- * Firearms Safety Training Certificate
- * Supporting documents for your Genuine Reason (see below) and Special Need
- * A current credit card for payment of the licence fee.

You must upload a letter from your employer (on official employer letterhead) which includes: your full name, date of birth, residential address and your job duties that require the possession and use of firearms to your online application.

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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 much will my firearms licence cost?

A firearms licence is issued for 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.

Fee Exemptions: There are no fee exemptions for this type of licence.

For a comprehensive list of fees and fee exemptions, see the Fee Schedule available on the Firearms Registry website.

Related Information

See FACT Sheets:

- 'Safe Storage Level 1 - Category A and B Requirements',
- 'Safe Storage Level 2 - Category C, D and H Requirements',
- 'Participation Requirements for Club Members',
- '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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