

FIREARMS REGISTRY



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BUSINESS OR EMPLOYMENT - BUSINESS OTHER

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 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 and/or B only.

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 firearms licence application 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.

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.

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 (e.g. National Parks and Wildlife) prior to the eradication of any protected species of bird or feral animal.

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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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 One - Category A and B Requirements'](#)
- ['Transportation of Firearms'](#)
- ['Ammunition Safe Storage, Acquisition and Possession'](#)