

FIREARMS REGISTRY

Rural Occupation Genuine Reason

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 Rural Occupation.

What requirements must be met for this Genuine Reason?

This genuine reason applies to a person who is employed or engaged in a rural occupation and who requires the possession and use of a firearm in that capacity.

This genuine reason could apply to an employee of a Primary Producer or a family member of the Primary Producer (where the genuine reason of Primary Production does not apply to the applicant) or any other person engaged in a rural occupation requiring the use of a firearm.

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

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

Special need for a Category B firearm 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.

The online application form has provision for completion of special need.

What do I need to provide to support this Genuine Reason?

You must provide evidence that you are employed or engaged in a rural occupation and demonstrate that it is necessary to possess and use firearms for this purpose.

A letter from your employer (on official employer letterhead) as proof of your employment or engagement in Rural Occupation requiring the use of a firearm must be attached to your online licence application. The letter needs to include details of your employer, your full name, date of birth, residential address and confirmation of your employment status, job duties that require the possession and use of firearms.

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.

Can I acquire and register firearms on this firearms licence?

Yes - Once your licence is issued you may make application to acquire Category A and/or B firearms. You can apply for a Permit to Acquire (PTA) online at Service NSW (www.service.nsw.gov.au). There is a minimum 28 day waiting period from receipt of your Permit to Acquire (PTA) application for initial applications before the PTA will be issued. (See FACT Sheet 'Permit to Acquire a Firearm (PTA)').

Alternately, you may use your employer's firearms equivalent to the authority of your own licence.

All persons in possession of firearms must comply with the requirements for safe keeping of firearms under Part 4 of the *Firearms Act 1996* - also see FACT Sheet 'Safe Storage Level One'.

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Firearms Registry

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 reasons 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.

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

Related Information

See FACT Sheets:

- 'Information on obtaining a Firearms Licence in NSW',
- 'Safe Storage Level 1 - Category A and B Requirements',
- 'Permit to Acquire a Firearm (PTA)',
- '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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