

# FIREARMS REGISTRY



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## RURAL OCCUPATION GENUINE REASON

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 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 are available for this Genuine Reason?

Category A and/or B. 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 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 uploaded as part of your online application. The letter needs to include confirmation of your employment status, your details, details of your employer, your job duties that require the possession and use of firearms and the types of firearms required (category A and/or B).

### 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 via the [NSW Police Force Community Portal](#). There is a minimum 28 day waiting period from receipt of your PTA application for initial applications before the PTA will be issued. See [Permit to Acquire \(PTA\) a Firearm fact sheet](#).

Alternatively, 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 [Safe Storage Level One fact sheet](#).

#### 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](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au).

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## Further information / related information

**Firearms Registry website:** [www.police.nsw.gov.au/firearms](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/firearms)

**NSW Police Force Community Portal:** [portal.police.nsw.gov.au/s/online-firearm-applications](http://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 1 - Category A and B Requirements'](#)
- ['Transportation of Firearms'](#)
- ['Ammunition Safe Storage, Acquisition and Possession'](#)

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