



FIREARMS REGISTRY

Historical Cannon Permit

This FACT sheet provides information on the requirements for a permit to possess a Cannon - clause 68 of the *Firearms Regulation 2017*.

Persons wishing to use black powder cannons in historical re-enactments and displays must be current members of a club or historical society whose purpose includes the preservation and demonstration of historical weapons and be the holder of a Historical Cannon Permit.

What is the definition of a cannon?

A "cannon" is defined as a prohibited firearm under Item 15 of Schedule 1 of the *Firearms Act 1996*.

A cannon (or other weapon by whatever name known) which will expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant AND which has a barrel with a bore in excess of 10 gauge.

A cannon does not include:

- * A firearm of the Very or rocket type designed and intended for use for life saving or distress signalling purposes, or
- * An antique muzzle loading firearm or a rifle or shotgun manufactured before 1920.

What does this permit authorise?

This permit authorises the possession and use of a muzzle loading black powder cannon for the purposes of preserving and displaying it and of demonstrating its use. This permit authorises the use of black powder only.

What is the term of the permit?

The permit will be issued for a maximum term of 5 years.

How much will my permit cost?

The prescribed fee for this permit is \$75. Your payment must accompany the application. You may pay by cheque or money order made payable to the Firearms Registry or by filling out the credit card details on the reverse of the application form.

Does the cannon require registration?

Yes. A cannon, as described in clause 15 of Schedule 1, is classified as a prohibited firearm and requires registration.

Acquisition and disposal of firearms must be conducted by a licensed firearms dealer. A permit to acquire a firearm must be obtained prior to the purchase of each firearm (see *FACT Sheet 'Permit to Acquire a Firearm'*)

What about safe storage?

You must comply with the safe keeping requirements of the *Firearms Act 1996* in relation to your cannon.

A cannon is a prohibited firearm and must be stored in accordance with the requirements applicable to prohibited firearms. See FACT Sheets 'Schedule 1 Prohibited Firearms' and 'Recommended Safe Storage for Schedule 1 Prohibited Firearms'.

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 complete a firearm safety training course for longarms. Include the 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 - Phone: 02 63913750,
Your nearest firearms club or the NSW Firearms Registry.

How do I apply for a Historical Cannon Permit?

You must complete the P634 'Application for a Firearms Permit' form and the 'Historical Cannon Permit 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. Your payment must accompany the application.

RELATED INFORMATION

See FACT Sheets:

- '100 Point Identification',
- 'Permit to Acquire - Longarm P562 Form',
- 'Schedule 1 Prohibited Firearms - Safe Storage Levels 1, 2 & 3',
- 'Recommended Safe Storage for Schedule 1 Prohibited Firearms'.

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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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