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# FIREARMS REGISTRY

## Starting Pistol Permit

P 634

This FACT sheet provides information on the requirements for a person to obtain a permit for a starting pistol - clause 70 of the *Firearms Regulation 2017*.

### What is the definition of a starting pistol?

Clause 70 of the *Firearms Regulation 2017* (the Regulation) defines a starting pistol as a firearm that uses blank cartridges only.

Regardless of the design features or appearance of the starting pistol, if the pistol uses blank cartridges only, then it is defined as a starting pistol and possession and use of the starting pistol is authorised by a firearms permit issued under clause 70 of the Regulation.

If the starting pistol is a 'cap gun' type of starting pistol, AND the starting pistol DOES NOT resemble a firearm, no authorisation to possess and use the article is required.

However, if the 'cap gun' type starting pistol DOES resemble a firearm (an imitation), then it falls within the provisions of section 4D of the *Firearms Act 1996* and requires a permit to possess and use the item.

**Starting Pistols** - Use blank fire ammunition and require a Starting Pistol Permit



**Cap Gun Resembles Firearm** - Uses Caps, but resembles a firearm and requires a Firearms Permit



**Cap Gun** - Uses caps only, does not resemble a firearm. No permit required.



If you need clarification, send a photo to the Firearms Registry Permits Unit - [permits@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:permits@police.nsw.gov.au).

### What does a Starting Pistol Permit authorise?

This permit authorises the possession and use of a starting pistol for any sporting or other event specified in the permit. The starting pistol permit also authorises a person who is a member of, or employed in, the sporting club or other organisation to possess and use a starting pistol for any sporting or other event specified in the permit.

### Who can apply for this type of permit?

This permit can be issued to an individual, a business, a club or other organisation.

### Does a starting pistol require registration?

Yes. A starting pistol is a firearm and therefore requires registration.

### 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.

**Individual Permit** - payment is made at a Service NSW or RMS office when your photo permit is produced.

**Business Permit** - payment must accompany the application.

### Do I need to do anything prior to lodging my application?

Yes. If you have never held a Category H firearms licence or permit in NSW, you will need to complete an approved firearms safety training course.

For training providers contact:

Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (SSAA) - Phone: 1300 746 683,

The Firearms Safety Training Council - Phone: 02 9486 3077,

Your nearest pistol club or the Firearms Registry.

Include your pistol safety training course completion certificate with your permit application.

### What about safe storage?

You must comply with the safe keeping requirements of section 41 of the *Firearms Act 1996* in relation to your starting pistol/s. See the FACT Sheet 'Safe Storage Level Two - Category C, D & H Requirements' on the Safe Storage page on the Firearms Registry Internet site.



# Instructions for completing the Firearms Permit Application Form

## FIREARMS PERMIT APPLICATION FORM (P634)

### HOW TO APPLY FOR A STARTING PISTOL PERMIT

You must complete the P634 'Application for a Firearms Permit' form and the 'Starting Pistol 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.

### 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.

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Business/Club Permit - payment must accompany the application.

### RELATED INFORMATION

See FACT Sheets:

'100 Point Identification',

'Safe Storage Level Two - Category C, D & H Requirements'.

## Firearms Registry

### Address

Locked Bag 5102  
Parramatta NSW 2124

### Telephone

1300362562

### Interstate

02 66708590

### Fax

02 66708558

### Email

firearmsenq@police.nsw.gov.au

### Website

[www.police.nsw.gov.au/firearms](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/firearms)

## 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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