

FIREARMS REGISTRY



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BUSINESS OR EMPLOYMENT - COMMERCIAL FISHING

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 for Commercial Fishing.

Who can apply for this Genuine Reason?

This genuine reason applies to a person who owns and operates a fishing business or to a person employed in the fishing industry. You must be able to establish that you are either:

- * The owner and operator of a commercial fishing business, or
- * Employed in the fishing industry

You must also be able to provide evidence of why you need a firearm in your employment.

Details of your commercial fishing licence must also be supplied.

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

Category A, 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 are the restrictions on the issue of a firearms licence for the genuine reason of commercial fishing?

A firearms licence will only be issued to a licensed commercial fishing operation in ocean waters where those activities involve one of the following:

- * Off-shore prawn trawling, or
- * Tuna, or
- * Line handling or trolling, or
- * Other off-shore netting operations

You must be able to establish why a firearm is required and why other means will not suffice.

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'](#)

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