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# FIREARMS REGISTRY

## Business or Employment Commercial Fishing

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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 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, issued by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority or the Department of Primary Industries/Fisheries must 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 [special need](#).

[Special need](#) for a Category B licence is established by demonstrating that a special need exists to possess or use such firearms and why a smaller category of firearm or any other means will not suffice.

The online firearms licence application has provision for completion of special need.

### *What are the restrictions on the issue of a firearms licence issued for 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 you need a firearm and why other means will not suffice.

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

To complete a **Business Licence Application** as the owner/operator of a commercial fishing business you will need:

- \* A MyServiceNSW Account linked to the NSW Police Force
- \* Firearms Safety Training Certificate
- \* Supporting documents for your Genuine Reason (see below) and Special Need
- \* A current credit card for payment of the licence fee.

You must upload a copy of your commercial fishing licence, issued by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority or the Department of Primary Industries/Fisheries and proof of ownership of your commercial fishing business to your online application.

To complete an **Individual Licence Application** as a person employed in the fishing industry you will need:

- \* A MyServiceNSW Account linked to the NSW Police Force
- \* Firearms Safety Training Certificate
- \* Supporting documents for your Genuine Reason (see below) and Special Need
- \* A current credit card for payment of the licence fee.

You must upload a copy of your commercial fishing licence, issued by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority or the Department of Primary Industries/Fisheries and a letter from your employer (on official employer letterhead) which includes: your full name, date of birth, residential address and your job duties that require the possession and use of firearms to your online application.

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## ***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.

## ***How much will my firearms licence cost?***

A firearms licence is issued for 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.

**Fee Exemptions:** There are no fee exemptions for this type of licence.

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',
- 'Transportation of Firearms',
- 'Ammunition Safe Storage, Acquisition and Possession'.

## Firearms Registry

### Address

Locked Bag 1  
Murwillumbah NSW 2484

### 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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