

FIREARMS REGISTRY



OFFICIAL

IMITATION FIREARM PERMIT - COLLECTOR

This FACT sheet provides information on the requirements for obtaining an Imitation Firearm Permit for collection purposes - section 28(h) of the *Firearms Act 1996* (the Act).

All persons wishing to possess or use an imitation firearm must be authorised to do so by a permit. In order to obtain an imitation firearm permit for collection, the applicant must establish a legitimate reason.

What does the Imitation Firearm Permit for Collectors authorise?

This permit authorises the permit holder to possess and use imitation firearms for the following:

- For maintaining imitation firearms in a collection
- To display imitation firearms for educational, historic or commemorative purposes.

What is an imitation firearm?

An imitation firearm is defined in section 4D of the Act as an object that, regardless of its colour, weight or composition or the presence or absence of any moveable parts, substantially duplicates in appearance a firearm but that is not a firearm.

An imitation firearm does not include anything that is produced and identified as a children's toy.

How is a child's toy distinguished from an imitation firearm?

A child's toy would be distinguished from an imitation firearm by the packaging, targeted sale market (ie sold in a toy store, marked for ages 3+ etc), the materials the toy is made from, the general appearance or the functioning of the toy (for example, a water pistol). The onus is on the person in possession of the item and if there is any doubt they may seek advice from industry bodies such as a firearms dealer or a theatrical armourer.

What requirements must be met for this permit?

The applicant must establish that the collection of imitation firearms has a genuine commemorative, historical, thematic or financial value and provide a reason for the collection.

The applicant must provide details of the collectors' club of which they are a member.

The applicant will need to provide details of the type and number of imitation firearms in the collection.

Who can apply for this permit?

A person or a person on behalf of a business or organisation may obtain a permit authorising possession of imitation firearms for collection.

What is the term of the permit?

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

How much will the permit cost?

The prescribed fee for this permit is \$75. Your payment must accompany the application. Please provide credit card details on the reverse of the application form.

What kind of imitation firearms are authorised by this permit?

There is no restriction on the kinds of imitation firearms which may be authorised by this permit. However, the imitation firearms forming the collection must have a genuine commemorative, historical, thematic or financial value.

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

Mailing: Locked Bag 5102, Parramatta NSW 2124

Tel: 1300 362 562

Interstate: 02 6670 8590

Website: www.police.nsw.gov.au/firearms

Contact us: <https://portal.police.nsw.gov.au/s/online-firearm-applications>

OFFICIAL

FIREARMS REGISTRY

OFFICIAL

What about safe storage of imitation firearms in the collection?

An imitation of a category A or B firearm is subject to level 1 safe storage (s. 40 of the Act) and an imitation of a category C, D or H firearm is subject to level 2 safe storage (s. 41 of the Act). An imitation of a prohibited firearm is subject to the level of safe storage indicated on the document 'Recommended Safe Storage Schedule 1 Prohibited Firearms' available on the Safe Storage page on our website.

What if the permit is to be issued to a business, club or other organisation?

Persons to be listed and authorised by this permit (in addition to the permit holder) must complete a P635 'Application for a Person to be Authorised on a Firearms Permit' form (separate form for each person); and provide proof of identity totalling 100 points (if the person does not hold a current licence or permit).

How do I apply for an Imitation Firearms Collector Permit?

You must complete the P634 'Application for a Firearms Permit' form and the 'Imitation Firearms Collector 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/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 & D – RESIDENTIAL/POSTAL ADDRESS

Insert your full residential address in this section. 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.

OFFICIAL