

# FIREARMS REGISTRY



## OFFICIAL FIREARMS GENERAL PERMIT

This FACT Sheet provides information on the requirement for obtaining a Firearms General Permit - section 28(g) of the Firearms Act 1996. Specific requirements may also apply to the type of firearms for which you are applying and these will be notified upon application.

It is an offence in NSW to possess a firearm without the authority of a licence or permit.

### What does a Firearms General Permit authorise?

This permit authorises a person to possess and/or use firearms for the legitimate reason specified in the authority.

This permit may also authorise possession and/or use of firearms by persons other than the permit holder, where it has been established that those persons are employed to assist the permit holder and have a legitimate reason to possess and/or use the firearms for this purpose. NOTE: A Firearms General Permit authorising possession and use of firearms will not be issued where a licence/genuine reason exists.

### What firearms are authorised by this permit?

There are no restrictions on the type of firearms that can be authorised by this permit. However, the applicant must establish a legitimate reason for possession and use of the firearms concerned.

### What about safe storage?

The permit holder must comply with the safe keeping requirements of the Firearms Act 1996 in relation to firearms authorised by this permit. The level of safe storage applicable is dependent on the type of firearms for which you are authorised.

When your permit is issued, a condition on the permit will specify the level of safe storage applicable. You will be advised if you are required to have your safe storage inspected prior to issue of the permit.

### How much will my permit cost and what is the term of the permit?

The prescribed fee for this permit is \$75. Payment must accompany your application. The permit will be issued for a maximum term of 5 years.

### What restrictions apply to this permit?

The applicant must provide evidence that a legitimate reason for possession and use of firearms exists and that all activities will be conducted with proper regard for public safety.

### 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 and/or pistols. Include the completed certificate with your permit application. For training providers contact:

- Firearms Safety Training Council - 02 94863077
- Sporting Shooters Association Australia - 1300746683
- Department of Primary Industries, Game Licensing Unit - 02 6391 3750
- Or your nearest firearms club or the NSW Firearms Registry.

#### 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)

Mailing: Locked Bag 5102, Parramatta NSW 2124

Tel: 1300 362 562

Interstate: 02 6670 8590

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

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

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## What about other persons to be authorised on this permit?

Persons to be listed and authorised by this permit (in addition to the permit holder) must complete an 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), and
- Provide evidence of successful completion of the appropriate safety training course for firearms (if applicable).

## How do I apply for a Firearms General Permit?

You must complete the P634 'Application for a Firearms Permit' form and the 'Firearms General Permit Legitimate Reason' form and where applicable provide any supporting documentation.

## 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, sex, 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 legitimate reason form will specify whether the fee needs to accompany the application or whether you pay at the RMS. If a fee is required with the application, please complete the credit card authority on the form.

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## RELATED INFORMATION

See Fact Sheets:

'100 Point Identification',

'Safe Storage Level One - Category A and B Requirements',

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

'Schedule 1 Prohibited Firearms - Safe Storage Levels 1, 2 and 3',

'Recommended Safe Storage for Schedule 1 Prohibited Firearms'.

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