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PROHIBITED WEAPONS BODY ARMOUR VEST PERMIT

This fact sheet provides information on the requirements for obtaining a Prohibited Weapons Body Armour Vest Permit - section 11(2)(a)(i) of the *Weapons Prohibition Act 1998*.

It is an offence in NSW to possess a prohibited weapon without the authority of a permit.

Who can apply for this permit?

A person on behalf of a security firm, or a person employed by a security firm, or a person on behalf of a media organisation.

What does the Prohibited Weapons Body Armour Vest Permit authorise?

This permit authorises the permit holder to possess and use a body armour vest for the genuine reason of business or employment.

- A permit issued to a security firm authorises the acquisition of body armour vests for use by employees.
- A permit issued to an employee of the security firm authorises the possession and use of the employer's body armour vests only. This permit does not authorise the acquisition of a body armour vest.
- A permit issued to a media organisation authorises the acquisition of body armour vests for use by employees.

A media organisation must outline the requirement for use of a body armour vest by employees, including the risk posed to the employee due to civil unrest or warfare. The permit will restrict the number of body armour vests the organisation is authorised to acquire according to business needs.

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What about employees?

Security firm employees must be authorised by a permit to possess and use a body armour vest. Each employee requiring to possess and use a body armour vest must complete an 'Application for a Prohibited Weapon Permit' P638 form.

NOTE: Security employees must be the holder of the relevant class of licence under the Security Industry Act 1997.

What do I need to send with the application?

- A completed P638 'Application for a Prohibited Weapons Permit' form
- A completed 'Prohibited Weapon Body Armour Vest Genuine Reason' form
- A completed 'Business Declaration' (business application only)
- Supporting documentation as requested on the genuine reason form

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 \$127. Your payment must accompany the application. Please complete the credit card authority on the reverse of the application form.

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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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>

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What kind of prohibited weapons are authorised by this permit?

A body armour vest under Schedule 1 clause 4(1) of the Weapons Prohibition Act 1998.

What level of safe storage applies to this permit?

Level 2 safe storage. See 'Safe Storage Prohibited Weapons Levels 1, 2 & 3' available on the Safe Storage page on the Firearms Registry Internet site.

How do I apply for a Body Armour Vest Permit?

You must complete the P638 'Application for a Prohibited Weapons Permit' form and the 'Prohibited Weapon Body Armour Vest' Genuine Reason form and where applicable provide any supporting documentation.

Further information / related information

Firearms Registry website: www.police.nsw.gov.au/firearms

- [Application for a Prohibited Weapons Permit](#)
- [Business Declaration form](#)
- [Fee Schedule](#)
- [100 Point Identification fact sheet](#)

See the [Safe Storage](#) page on our website for safe storage requirements.

Instructions for completing the Prohibited Weapons Permit Application Form (P638)

NEW APPLICATION / REAPPLICATION

Mark the appropriate box, new application or reapplication. If you currently hold, or have previously held, a firearms licence or firearms or prohibited weapon permit, enter your licence or permit number.

SECTION A - PERMIT TYPE

From the drop-down list select the type of permit for which you are applying. If the permit is not listed in the drop down list, enter 'Other' and describe the type of permit you require in the space provided.

SECTION B - NOMINATED PERSON/BUSINESS OR NOMINATED PERMIT HOLDER/INDIVIDUAL

Insert the full name, date of birth, gender, NSW drivers licence (if held), contact phone numbers, email address and supply details for the nominated person (business) or nominated permit holder (individual). If you have been known by any other names enter your alias here.

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 WEAPONS

If the safekeeping address is the same as the residential address, select 'YES' in the box. If your weapon 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 a prohibited weapon permit is \$127. Your payment must accompany the application.