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PROHIBITED WEAPONS SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES PERMIT

This FACT Sheet provides information on the requirements for obtaining a Scientific Purposes Permit - clause 27 of the *Weapons Prohibition Regulation 2017*.

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

What does the Scientific Purposes Permit authorise?

This permit authorises the permit holder to possess and use a prohibited weapon to which the permit relates for the purposes of conducting scientific research.

This permit also authorises a person employed by the permit holder and listed on the permit to possess and use a weapon to which the permit relates for the purpose of assisting the permit holder in the conduct of the scientific research concerned.

Who can apply for this permit?

A person who is conducting legitimate scientific research.

What is legitimate scientific research?

Legitimate scientific research is research endorsed or conducted by a legitimate research body, organisation, government agency or university.

A letter on letterhead from the research body, organisation, government agency or university must confirm the nature of the research, the duration of the research project, the location/s of the research, the applicant's involvement in the research project and the reasons the weapon sought is necessary in the conduct of the research.

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 details on the reverse of the application form. An additional \$25 fee is required for each person, other than the permit holder, completing a P639 form to be listed and authorised by the permit.

What do I need to send with the application?

- A completed P638 'Application for a Prohibited Weapons Permit' form, and
- A completed 'Prohibited Weapon Scientific Purposes Genuine Reason' form, and
- A completed 'Business Declaration', and
- Supporting documentation as requested on the genuine reason 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

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>

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What kind of prohibited weapons are authorised by this permit?

There are no restrictions on the type of prohibited weapons which may be authorised by this permit. However, you must be able to justify that possession and use of the weapons is required in connection with the genuine reason for obtaining a prohibited weapon permit. You must nominate the type of prohibited weapon on the Scientific Purposes Genuine Reason form.

What safe keeping level applies to this permit?

See the *FACT Sheet 'Safe Storage Prohibited Weapons Level 1, 2 & 3' & 'Prescribed Safe Storage for Schedule 1 Prohibited Weapons'* for the storage level that applies to the weapons nominated for your permit.

You must meet or exceed the prescribed safe storage for the weapon concerned.

How do I apply for a Scientific Purposes Permit?

You must complete the P638 'Application for a Prohibited Weapons Permit' form and the 'Prohibited Weapon Scientific Purposes Genuine Reason' form and where applicable provide any supporting documentation. Please see the following page of this FACT Sheet for instructions on how to complete the P638 form.

Instructions for completing the PW 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 / PERMIT HOLDER

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, complete 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, select 'NO' and 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.

RELATED INFORMATION

See FACT Sheets:

['100 Point Identification'](#)

['Schedule 1 Prohibited Weapons - Safe Storage Levels 1, 2 & 3'](#)

['Prescribed Safe Storage for Schedule 1 Prohibited Weapons'](#).