



SHOOTERS LICENCE FOR FIRST TIME APPLICANTS INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

An application for a Licence must be lodged in person at the nearest Police Station, or with Police on a Rural Patrol. Applications should not be mailed in directly to the Firearms Policy and Records Unit.

A new photograph will be taken by Police each time you lodge an application for a licence.

There is no renewal system in the NT - each and every application is a fresh application under the Act, and all supporting documentation must be provided on each occasion.

FPRU will do a full criminal history check (NT & Nationally) for every application. Ensure you answer the criminal history declaration in full and disclose all history including Juvenile offences.

FIRST TIME APPLICANTS:

Ensure that you read the '**Storage & Safekeeping of Firearms**' and the '**National Firearms Safety Code**' booklet before you sit the safety examination which is part of the requirement for a Licence.

An Application for a Shooters Licence (PF444 – Application for – Shooters Licence / Sport Shooters Permit / Cat H Sport Shooters Licence / Junior Club Licence) must be submitted with 100 points of identification, a genuine reason and storage. **Payment must be received before sitting the Examination.**

You must get 100% correct on the exam – if 100% is not achieved you will have to wait 21 days before being allowed to sit the exam again.

There is **a mandatory 28 day wait** for a first licence. Licences that have lapsed will be treated as a first time applicant.

INTERSTATE TRANSFERS:

If you are transferring from another State or Territory and your licence is current, you do not have to undertake the safety examination.

You must bring your interstate licence and registration list to the Police Station when you lodge your application.

You will have to present your firearms for inspection to confirm the firearm description and serial numbers before the firearms will be registered in the Northern Territory.

ALL APPLICANTS:

You must supply copies of all supporting documentation when you lodge your application.

You must establish a **Genuine Reason** to shoot with each application. You can do this by supplying one or more of the following:

- '**Crown Land Hunting Permit**' from the NT Lands Administration Office - Department of Planning and Infrastructure. These are available from:

DARWIN: Ground floor, Arnhemica House, 16 Parap Road, Parap
Phone: (08) 8999 6435, or

KATHERINE: 1st floor, Katherine Government Centre, 5 First Street, Katherine
Phone: (08) 8973 8661, or

ALICE SPRINGS: 1st floor, Alice Springs Plaza, Todd Mall, Alice Springs
Phone: (08) 8951 9243, or

TENNANT CREEK: 23 Leichhardt Street, Tennant Creek
Phone: (08) 8962 4523, or

- Be a current member of a Sport Shooting Club and provide a Certificate of Support ('Certificate of A/B/C firearm club membership' - PF474) from signatory of your Club, or

- Provide proof that you have permission from the owner/manager of rural land of a suitable size to hunt/shoot on that land. Hunting or Shooting on rural land cannot be substantiated for small rural blocks such as those found in the outer environments around major population centres. The reference in the Regulations to rural land should be taken as large pastoral properties away from major population centres and towns, or
- Proof that you have permission from the relevant Land Council or Community Council or, if on independent lands, the recognised traditional owner, to hunt on Aboriginal Land. It should be on Council or Community Letterhead paper and typed or printed clearly.

Note: Evidence of a Genuine Reason must be current and therefore you will need to supply a new '*Crown Land Hunting Permit*' or authorizing letter for each application.

For 'Sports Shooting', you will need a new Certificate of Support from your Club each time you lodge a new application for a Licence.

Letters to shoot on private property or Aboriginal Land must be dated and show the period the permission is granted for. **Letters from individual Traditional Owner's are not acceptable.**

APPLICANTS SEEKING A CATEGORY H ENDORSEMENT ON A SHOOTERS LICENCE FOR OCCUPATIONAL PURPOSES

In the case of a pilot who operates in remote areas, the following must be provided:

- A copy of your Pilots Licence
- Copies of the last 6 months of your flight logs,
- A copy of your Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) approval to carry a firearm on an aircraft,
- A copy of your Firearm Training and Safety Course certificate,
- A letter outlining the reason why you require a pistol, and the circumstances of why a firearm is not provided by your employer under a Corporate and Employee Licence, and
- Storage arrangements.

In the case of other individual occupational requirements, the following must be provided:

- A letter outlining the reason why you require a pistol, and the circumstances of why a firearm is not provided by your employer under a Corporate and Employee Licence.

FIREARM STORAGE

Is a requirement of being granted a Licence and you must have or have access to approved storage facilities to be eligible for a Licence. You must, unless your Safe Storage arrangements are already recorded on the police database:

- Provide a letter of permission for storage with another licence holder ('Permission to store firearms notice' - PF492), or
- Complete a Declaration ('Declaration of safekeeping storage of firearms' - PF491) and attach a Purchase Receipt and/or photographs showing the entire safe, locking mechanisms and method of securing/bolting in points (5 or less firearms only), or
- Request your Gun Safe to be inspected by signing and submitting a Permission to Inspect Premises form ('Inspection of premises' - PF482) with your application.

NT RESIDENCY

Current NT drivers licence with a current residential address displayed or other proof of NT residency.

PURCHASE PERMITS (also used for interstate firearm transfers)

Are available at all Police Stations.

Note: There is also a 28 day wait for 1st firearm **or** a licence where there is no currently registered firearm. You may submit purchase permit(s) at the same time as your licence application. Waiting periods will then run out concurrently.

For further information, please contact the Firearms Policy and Records Unit on (08) 8922 3543 or FirearmsRegistry@pfes.nt.gov.au