



Read the information sheet before completing your application.

Where to lodge your application

Application for a NT firearms permit must be lodged in person at a NT Police station. An application cannot be mailed or emailed to the Firearms Policy and Recording Unit (FPRU).

All NT firearms permit applications within the greater Darwin and Palmerston area (Darwin, Casuarina, Palmerston, and rural areas) are to be lodged at the Palmerston Police Station during business hours (8:00am–5:30pm Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays). All applications outside this area can be lodged at any NT Police station.

There is no renewal system in the NT

Every application is a new application under the [NT Firearms Act 1997](#) (the Act), and all supporting documentation must be provided on each occasion.

General information

- firearms temporary permits valid for the nominated period on the application, but cannot exceed more than 12 months
- the applicant may include more than 1 firearm on the temporary permit application
- a fee will be charged for each firearm listed on the application
- all sections of the application must be completed
- incomplete applications will not be accepted
- provide all supporting documentation at the time of submission
- payment must be made at the time the application is submitted.

Type of permit

Possession or use of a firearm by a person residing temporarily in the NT

An applicant applying for a temporary residency permit must:

- hold an equivalent licence in their home state
- be residing temporarily in the NT
- provide evidence to support genuine reason

If you hold a category A / B / C or H licence for sports shooting, are in the NT for the purpose of attending an approved shooting competition and are in the NT for less than 3 months, then you do not require a permit.

If you hold a category A and / or B licence, are using your firearms in the NT for the reason your licence was issued and are in the NT for less than 3 months, then you do not require a permit.

Firearms Temporary Permit

Firearms can only be hired/leased from a participating firearms dealer

- dealers do not require a temporary permit to hire/lease
- applicants must hold a firearms licence equivalent to the category of the firearm that is being hired/leased

Holder of a 'Collector Licence' to use a firearm held under the licence (discharge a collector's piece)

An applicant applying for a permit to discharge a collector piece must:

- be a student of arms if the firearms to be discharged is manufactured on or after 01 January 1947
- have completed an approved Firearms Training and Safety Course in the use of firearms (not the approved handling course for Collectors licenses) relevant to the category of firearm to be discharged, or;
- hold a current NT firearms licence that permits the use of the same category of firearm applied for

The permit application must include:

- Where the applicant intends to discharge the firearm/s
- Details of firearm/s (a separate fee is payable per firearm)
- Nominate the specified timeframe they would like the permit for (not greater than 2 days)
- A valid justification for discharging the firearm/s
- Evidence that demonstrates applicant is a student of arms (where applicable)

Sports shooting and recreation shooting will not be approved as valid reasons

Theatrical permit

An application for a Theatrical Permit can be issued to authorise the holder to possess and use a firearm for the making of a film, a theatrical production or for other artistic purposes (possess and use (discharge - Blank or Live Fire)) and:

- possession or use of firearms for film, theatrical productions or other artistic purposes
- must be a registered business
- employees handling firearms must have equivalent firearm licence in the NT or in their home jurisdiction
- current contract with a film/theatrical company

The shortening or conversion of a firearm

Firearms can only be shortened or converted by a licenced firearms armorer and:

- need to advise if the firearm category changes from one category to another
- need to provide serial number of the firearm/s which is being shortened or converted.
- a firearm registration certificate will need to be reissued if the firearm category has changed
- licensee must hold a firearms licence with the equivalent firearm category being converted to

Temporary possession or use of a firearm for a specified reason not covered by the holder's licence

Application is required to provide where the applicant must:

- hold a current firearm licence equivalent to the firearm category they are applying for
- be a resident of the NT

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- This type of permit can be issued where the licence holder;
- may need to temporarily use their personal firearm for employment purpose
- may participate in volunteer employment

Other reason (Pursuant to Section 31(1) of the NT Firearms Act 1997)

Clubs are required to apply for a temporary permit to conduct Firearm Club Open Days, and provide:

- dates per shoot, maximum of 10 shoots per year
- lodge prohibited persons declaration 2 weeks before
- be the holder of club licence equivalent to their category

Firearms categories

The firearm category you are applying for is dependent on the type of firearm that you own and propose to use. Select the firearms category relevant to your application. More information on firearm categories can be found at [Firearms Categories](#).

Storage and safekeeping of firearms

Applicants must comply with the storage requirements outlined in the [NT Firearms Regulations 1997](#) (Schedule 2 and 3) Ensure you are aware of what is required for the storage and safekeeping of your firearms. More information can be found at [Firearm Storage Requirements](#).

Applicants must include a storage form with their firearm application.

- self-storage if previously inspected
(Attach PF491 Self declaration for storage/safekeeping of firearms)
- self-storage
(Attach PF482 Permission to inspect premises (First time applicants/new safe/new location))
- storage with the dealer or another licence holder
(Attach PF492 Permission to store firearms notice)

Photos of your storage/safe should include

- exterior of storage/safe
- interior of storage/safe showing location of all securing bolts or welds
- any internal compartments, doors and the locking mechanism or locks.

Particulars of firearms

Provide the following details of all firearms that will be covered under this permit.

- Category
- Make/Brand
- Model
- Serial number
- Action type
- Calibre (e.g. 300 Win Mag)
- Capacity
- Barrel length (Cat H only)

Information disclosure

All applicants must answer all questions about any criminal history, mental health history, and domestic violence in which you were involved.

- you must answer all questions truthfully
- you must disclose all DVOs/PVOs/AVOs, even if they have been withdrawn or are no longer in force
- you must disclose all court outcomes where there has been a finding of guilt, even where no conviction was recorded
- if you have been fined as a result of a court appearance, this must be disclosed
- disclose all history including youth offences and all adult charges including spent convictions.

If you are unsure about any of these questions select 'Yes'. National checks will be undertaken during the adjudication process and if you are found to have answered the questions untruthfully your licence will be refused and you may face criminal charges.

How long it may take to process your application

It may take up to 4 to 6 weeks for your application to be processed. To avoid delays:

- ensure your application is complete
- confirm all information is correct
- check all required supporting documents are provided

What you need to bring

- must provide 100 point [proof of identity](#)
- evidence of NT residency (where applicable)
- documents relating to Information disclosure section
- storage and safekeeping form
- copy of NT or interstate firearm licences (if applicable)
- Copy of letter supporting volunteer work
- evidence of student of arms status
- supporting documents (where applicable)

Need an Interpreter service?

You can use an interpreter service if you are having difficulty understanding these questions. You can contact the 'Interpreting and Translating Service NT' by phoning: (08) 8999 8506 or 1800 676 254.

Need assistance with your application?

For clarification or enquiries, please contact the Firearms Policy and Recording Unit (FPRU) on (08) 8922 3543 between 8 am and 11am Monday to Friday excluding public holidays or email firearmsregistry@pfes.nt.gov.au.