



Firearms Purchase or Transfer Permit Information Sheet - Individual

Northern Territory Firearms Act 1997

Read the information sheet before completing your application.

Where to lodge your application

Northern Territory firearms purchase/transfer permits must be lodged in person at an NT Police station.

All Purchase or Transfer permit within the greater Darwin and Palmerston region (Darwin, Casuarina, Palmerston, and rural areas) are to be lodged at the Palmerston Police Station during business hours (8:00am-5:00pm Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays). All applications for a permit outside this region can be lodged at any NT Police station.

General information

- Holders of a firearms licence may apply to the Commissioner for a permit to purchase or acquire a firearm.
- More than 1 firearm may be included on the permit application form.
- Applicants will be provided 2 copies of the permit to purchase or transfer a firearm.
- Permits are valid for 3 months. Failure to purchase or transfer approved firearm(s) within this period will mean another application for a permit has to be made.
- Storage address details must be provided if the firearms are being stored in more than 1 location, you must include all addresses. Storage locations must be previously approved by the FPRU.
- The permit to purchase or transfer a firearm is your authorisation to possess the firearm(s) until a registration certificate is forwarded to you by mail.
- Fees will be charged for each firearm listed on the permit application. For fee information please visit the [NTPF Website](#).
- Separate permits will be issued for each firearm listed on the application.
- There is a mandatory 28-day waiting period under legislation before a permit can be issued.
 - This waiting period does not apply when applying to acquire a second or subsequent Category A or B firearm, provided the applicant already holds a firearm of the same category.
- Applicants must be a permanent resident of Australia.
- The Firearms Policy and Recording Unit will process eligible applications as soon as operationally practicable. Processing times may vary depending on demand and staffing levels, and all applications will continue to be assessed in accordance with existing operational requirements.

Firearms categories

The firearm category you are applying for is dependent on the category approved on the applicant's firearm licence. More information on [Firearms Categories](#) can be located on the NT Police Force website

Purchases

Private purchases

- The applicant (the buyer) must provide the registered owner (the seller) of the firearm(s) the permit to acquire/purchase.
- The purchase of the firearm must be witnessed by a licenced firearms dealer, or if not practicable, an NT Police Officer at an NT Police Station. The licenced firearms dealer or NT Police Officer will endorse both copies of the permit.
- The seller must complete the particulars on the sale on the permit authorising the purchase of the firearm and return the permit to the FPRU within 7 days of the sale.
- Failure to return the permit within 7 days of the sale of a firearm could lead to penalties including imprisonment.

The registered owner of a firearm(s) (the seller) must complete either:

- A PF451-Notice of Change of Personal Particulars or particulars for Firearms, or
- Seller to complete private sale section on application, or
- A Statutory Declaration

The seller is to complete the back of the registration form to confirm the firearm has been sold

NT Dealers purchases

- Present both copies of the permit to the licensed firearm dealer from whom you are to purchase the firearm.
- The dealer will endorse both copies of the permit and return one copy to you.
- The dealer will send the other copy of the permit to the FPRU for registration.

Interstate dealers purchase

- Two copies of the permit to acquire/purchase firearm will be sent to your nominated postal address.
- Arrangement of a transfer from interstate to a local dealer is strongly recommended.
- Take the two copies of the permit to acquire/purchase firearm to the interstate dealer.

Applicants must make the Dealer aware a copy of the completed and endorsed Permit to acquire/purchase firearm be emailed to: firearmsregistry@pfes.nt.gov.au. Failure to complete the form by the interstate dealer within 7 days of the purchase could lead to penalties including imprisonment.

Overseas purchase / acquisitions

- Firearms cannot be mailed directly to the purchaser from overseas.
- It is a requirement for firearms purchased from overseas to be transferred to a local dealer or a police station in locations where no dealer is present.
- The applicant must complete a B709 - Application to import firearms and weapons form to be able to import firearms into Australia.

Transfers

Deceased estates

- The executor of a deceased estate has a period of 28 days to dispose of the firearms through sale, transfer or surrender to a police station.
- The sale or transfer of firearms related to a deceased estate requires a statutory declaration of the executor of said estate.
- After a period of 28 days, where the firearms have not been transferred or sold, they must be surrendered to NT Police.
- The applicant (buyer) of the firearm must hold a licence for the same category as the firearms being transferred from a deceased estate.
- The transfer must be witnessed by a licenced firearms dealer or an NT Police Officer at a local NT Police Station.

Transfer of ownership.

- Firearms can be transferred between a personal firearms licence and a corporate licence where the same owner of the firearm(s) is the individual listed on both the disposing and receiving licence.
- Transfers between licenced individuals is deemed a private purchase and is subject to the corresponding fee.

Interstate transfer

- Transfer of your interstate firearms must be transferred at the same time you are applying for a NT firearms licence.
- Your firearms are required to be sighted by either a local dealer or at a police station.
- A copy of the Interstate Registration Certificate must be provided for interstate transfers.
- Two copies of the Permit to acquire/purchase firearm will be sent to your nominated postal address.

Firearm Details

Applicants must include the details of all firearms to be purchased or transferred

- Category.
- Make/Brand.
- Model.
- Serial no (if known).
- Action.
- Caliber.
- Capacity.
- Barrel length (Cat H only).

Information disclosure

You must answer all questions about any criminal history, mental health history and domestic violence instances 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.
- You must disclose if you have been fined as a result of a court appearance.
- You must disclose all history including youth offences and all adult charges. This includes spent convictions.
- You are required to provide supporting documentation if you have medical history which may affect your ability to hold a permit or licence.

If you are uncertain about any of these questions, please select 'Yes'. National checks will be conducted during the adjudication process. Providing false or misleading information will result in your application being refused and may lead to criminal charges.

Waiting Period

It may take up 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:

- Proof of identity equivalent to 100 points.
- Evidence of Residency.
- Firearms licence.
- Interstate registration documents (if applicable).
- Letter including the need for acquiring category C, D and H firearms.
- B709 - Application to import firearms and weapons form (overseas purchases).
- Club support to purchase or transfer a firearm – Category H - PF474C.
- Deceased estate documentation (if applicable).
- Documents relating to Information disclosure section (if applicable).

Note:

- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Payment must be made at the time of application.
- All supporting documents must be supplied at the time of application.

Need an Interpreter service?

You can use an interpreter service if you are having difficulty understanding these questions. You can contact 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 Firearms Policy and Recording Unit (FPRU) on (08) 8922 3543 between 8:00am and 11:00am Monday to Friday excluding public holidays or email firearmsregistry@pfes.nt.gov.au. Do not send applications to this address, they will not be accepted.