



Firearms Purchase or Transfer Permit Information Sheet - Corporate

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 permits 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 area 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.
- Applicants will be provided 2 copies of the Permit to acquire/purchase firearm.
- Permits are valid for 3 months. Failure to acquire/purchase approved firearms(s) within this period will mean another application for a permit to be made.
- The nominated business representative must sign the application.
- Storage address details must be provided, if the firearms are being stored in more than 1 location include all addresses. Storage locations must be previously approved by the FPRU.
- The Permit to acquire/purchase a firearm is your authorisation to possess the firearm(s) until a registration certificate is forwarded to you by mail.
- Applicants may include more than 1 firearm on the Purchase or transfer permit. Fees will be charged for each firearm listed on the permit application. For fee information please visit the [NTPF Website](#).
- 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.
- Separate permits will be issued for each firearm listed on the application.
- 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 depends on the category approved on your firearm licence and the type of purchase or transfer.

Purchases

NT Dealers purchases

- The applicant must 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.

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 applicant (the Buyer) and the registered owner (the Seller) of the firearm must attend any Licensed Firearm Dealer or in the case where a dealer is not reasonably available a police station with the two copies of the Permit to acquire/purchase firearm.
- The Dealer who witnesses the purchase will endorse both copies of the Permit to acquire/purchase firearm.
- The onus is on the seller to endorse the back of the permit (regarding the disposal details) and either return the endorsed permit themselves to FPRU OR leave the endorsed permit with the dealer for them to return to FPRU.
- The registered owner (the seller) must complete either:
 - a PF451-Notice of Change of Personal Particulars or particulars for Firearms, or
 - private sale section in purchase permit application form, or
- a Statutory Declaration or
the back of firearm registration certificate confirming the firearm has been sold

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 Dealer interstate.

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 / acquisition

- 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.

Transfer

Ownership transfer

- A firearm can be transferred from a personally held firearms licence to a corporate licence where the same individual (legal owner of the firearm/s) is in both the disposing and receiving licence.
- This transaction is charged as a transfer, not a purchase.

Interstate transfer

- Transfer of your interstate firearms must be transferred at the same time you are apply 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.

Particulars of firearms

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 identify equivalent to 100 points.
- Evidence of residency.
- Firearms licence.
- Interstate registration documents.
- Statement of need to acquire category C, D and H firearms.
- B709 - Application to import firearms and weapons form (overseas purchases).
- 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.