Firearms Club Junior Licence - Category H Sports Shooters Permit Information Sheet Northern Territory Firearms Act 1997

Read the information sheet before completing your application.

Where to lodge your application

Application for a Firearms club junior licence 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 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–5.00pm Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays). All firearms 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 <u>NT *Firearms Act* 1997</u> (the Act), and all supporting documentation must be provided on each occasion.

Any application for a re-issue of an expiring permit should be submitted at least 6 weeks prior to the permit expiration date.

General information

- to be eligible to apply for a Firearms Club Junior Licence you must be between 10 18 years of age
- applicants may apply for category A, B or H under this licence type
- parental / guardian consent is to be provided
- authorises a person to use under supervision a category H firearm for sports shooting at an approved firearms club;
- provide a Certificate of Firearm Club Membership endorsed by the club which can be located on the <u>NT Police website</u>
 - PF474 Category A a B firearms
 - PF474A Category H firearms
- applicants may apply for a Category H Firearm Club Juniors Licence after holding a Sports shooters permit for 3 months sports shooter's permit is valid for 6 months (12 18 year olds)
- 10 12 year olds will remain on a Sport Shooters permit until they turn 12 years.
- all sections of the application must be completed
- provide all supporting documentation at the time of submission
- incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- licence is valid until licensee turns 18 years of age

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Proof of NT residency

To be eligible for a Firearms club junior licence, you must

- be a permanent resident of the NT; and
- provide proof of residency:
 - o current NT driver licence
 - o student card
 - written statement signed by a Principal Officer confirming attendance at an education institution

Firearm categories

The licence category you are applying for is dependent on the type of firearm that you own, propose to acquire or use. Select the firearms category relevant to your 'Genuine Reason' and/or need. More information on firearm categories can be found at <u>Firearms Categories</u>.

Storage and safekeeping of firearms

Where the applicant is at least 16 years of age and represents the Territory in competition shooting at national or international level and intend to purchase a firearm they must comply with the storage requirements outlined in the <u>NT Firearms Regulations 1997</u> (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 <u>Firearm</u> <u>Storage Requirements</u>.

Training

Training for Firearm club junior licence category A, B or H can either be a Firearms Training and Safety certificate or Junior firearm examination. Exams can be conducted at a Police Station when you are lodging your application.

- Before sitting for the Junior firearms examination read the Firearms Study Guide
- you must get 10 questions correct on the firearms safety examination, if this is not achieved you will need to re-sit the examination another day
- if you have difficulty reading and/or writing, an oral examination can be organised. Please contact the Firearms Policy and Recording Unit to make an appointment.
- If you are transferring from another State or Territory and your licence is current, you are still required to complete the NT Police firearms safety examination.

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.

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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 application will be refused and you may face criminal charges.

How long it may take to process your licence

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
- certificate of firearms club membership Category A and B PF474
- certificate of firearms club membership Category H PF474A (Category H and Sports Shooters Permit)
- copy of current FTSC certificate (or successfully complete the Junior firearm exam at a Police Station)
- copy of current FSTC (Category H only)
- documents relating to Information disclosure section
- Storage and safekeeping forms (if 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 <u>firearmsregistry@pfes.nt.gov.au</u>