



## Interstate licence holders traveling to the Northern Territory with registered firearms

If you are an interstate resident with an interstate licence traveling to the Northern Territory (NT) with registered firearms, it is essential to comply with the requirements set out under the Northern Territory *Firearms Act 1997*.

Your specific requirements will depend on the duration of your stay in the Northern Territory.

## Interstate Resident moving to the Northern Territory (More than 12 months)

If you are relocating to the NT for a period exceeding 12 months, you must apply for a NT firearms licence within 3 months (A/B) or 2 days (C/D/H) after arriving to the NT. Your current licence will remain valid, allowing you to possess your firearms while your NT firearms licence is being processed.

To avoid completing a Firearms Training and Safety Course (FTSC), notify the NT firearms registry before leaving your current jurisdiction. Your interstate licence will be recognised when applying for an NT firearms licence. Send your notification to [firearmsregistry@pfes.nt.gov.au](mailto:firearmsregistry@pfes.nt.gov.au) including the following information:

- Date of arrival into the NT
- Current licence details
- Firearm details
- Current residential address
- Address in the NT

If you relocate without prior notification, you must follow the full licence application process, including completion of an FTSC. Upon arrival you must:

- Apply for the equivalent firearms licence in the NT. Refer to the firearms website for the applications and information on requirements for specific licence categories (NT Licence and Permit Applications and Information)
- Complete a “permit to acquire” for each firearm you are transferring to the NT
- Ensure the safe storage of your firearms complies with the NT Firearms Regulations 1997.

## Temporary residency (3 - 12 months)

If you are temporarily residing in the NT for more than 3 months but less than 12 months, your interstate firearms licence will no longer be recognised. You must:

- Apply for a temporary permit to authorise the possession or use of a firearm while temporarily residing in the NT. Refer to the firearms website for application and information (NT Licence and Permit Applications and Information)
- Ensure each firearm you bring into the NT is temporarily registered by recording its details on the permit application
- Ensure the safe storage of your firearms complies with the NT Firearms Regulations 1997.

Note: Permits will be issued for up to 12 months, depending on the reason for your application.

## Recognition of Interstate Licences (Less than 3 months)

If you are visiting in the NT for less than 3 months and are travelling with your firearms (not sending via a dealer), you are not required to contact the Firearms Policy and Recording Unit, provided you meet the following conditions:

- You hold a corresponding interstate licence for category for A or B firearms
- You hold a corresponding interstate licence for category C or H firearms and are participating in an approved sporting event
- Storage of your firearms complies with the NT Firearms Regulations 1997.

## Recognition of Interstate Licences for Shooting Competition

A resident of a State or another Territory is not required to hold a licence to possess or use category A, B, C, or H firearms, provided:

- they have a corresponding licence
- are participating in an **approved** shooting competition, and
- only for the duration of the event, inclusive of practise immediately prior to the competition and including reasonable travel time to and from the event.

## Firearm Transportation through a Licenced Dealer

If you are sending firearms to the NT through a dealer, you must notify the NT Firearms Registry via email. Make sure to copy in both the receiving dealer and the registry you're departing from. Provide the following information:

- Firearm/s details.
- Arrival and departure dates.
- Storage location while in the NT.

Ensure the safe storage of your firearms complies with the NT *Firearms Regulations 1997*.

## Contact

[Firearmsregistry@pfes.nt.gov.au](mailto:Firearmsregistry@pfes.nt.gov.au) or 8922 3543