Northern Territory Police Force

Application to Waive waiting Period Information Sheet

Northern Territory Firearms Act 1997

Read this information sheet before completing your application.

What if I need to acquire my new firearm sooner than 28 days?

If a firearm is needed sooner than 28 days, your Permit to Acquire (PTA) application may be accompanied by an application to waive the 28 day waiting period. You cannot make an application to reduce the waiting period for the first firearm you are acquiring. If you have a *genuine need* to acquire a second or subsequent firearm of the same category in less than 28 days, you may make an application to reduce the waiting period. An application to waive the 28 day period can only be made for one firearm listed on your PTA.

Applications may be lodged in any of the locations that a PTA can be lodged. All applications to waive the 28 day waiting period are assessed on a case-by-case basis.

What is a genuine need?

To determine whether you have a *genuine need,* you need to be able to explain why you need the firearm before the end of the 28 day waiting period. The *genuine need* must be for a reason that is compelling; that is, the reason must be more than just convenience or desire.

What you need to provide

In order to assess an application to waive the waiting period, Firearms Policy & Recording Unit (FPRU) need as much information as possible. Providing answers to the following questions will help FPRU process your application:

- What is your reason to possess the new firearm?
- What are the circumstances that make your reason compelling?
- What is the timeframe that you need the new firearm in?
- How will waiting 28 days to acquire the new firearm affect you or your business?
- Any other compelling reason?
- Any documents to support your application.

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 FPRU on (08) 8922 3543 between 8:00am and 11:00am Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays, or email firearmsregistry@pfes.nt.gov.au.