



Read the information sheet before completing your application.

Where to lodge your application

Application for a NT firearms 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 licence 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–5:30pm Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays). All applications for a licence 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 [NT Firearms Act 1997](#) (the Act), and all supporting documentation must be provided on each occasion.

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

General information

- category H sports shooter's licence authorises the holder to possess only prescribed category H firearms
- the holder of a category H sports shooter's licence is authorised to use a firearm under the licence only at an approved firearms club
- the application must
 - hold or has held for at least 3 months, a Sports shooters permit; or
 - hold a current category H Junior club licence; or
 - must hold a current category H interstate licence to allow them to use category H firearms at an approved firearms club for 'sports shooting'
- provide a Certificate of firearms club membership - PF474B endorsed by the club.
- category H Sports shooter's licence is valid for 5 years
- all sections of the application must be completed
- incomplete applications will not be accepted
- provide all supporting documentation at the time of submission
- payment must be made at the time the application is submitted.

Record of participation

The holder of the licence must participate in category H sports shooting events and complete the Record of Participation logbook.

Record of Participation – Qualifying shoots (applicable for re-issue applicants)

Minimum per year:	12 shoots for 1 or 2 disciplines
	14 shoots for 3 disciplines
	18 shoots for 4 disciplines
	22 shoots for 5 disciplines
	26 shoots for 6 disciplines
	30 shoots for 7 disciplines

In all cases there must be at least 3 shoots per quarter throughout the year; or If less than minimum shoots are recorded on your 'Record of Participation', tender a letter in explanation to your Club so that your 'Certificate of Club Membership - PF474B may still be endorsed. Attach a copy to your application.

It is a condition of your licence that you complete the Record of Participation logbook and submit to the Firearms Policy and Recording Unit annually.

Proof of NT residency

To be eligible for a NT firearms licence, you must

- be a permanent resident of the NT; and
- provide proof of residency
 - current NT driver licence
 - utility bill (no more than three months)
 - electoral enrolment with the current residential address displayed.

Firearms 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 [Firearms Categories](#).

Training

Applicants are required to complete a Firearms Safety and Training Course (FSTC) and provide a copy of your certificate. Approved training providers can be found at [FSTC providers](#).

Storage and safekeeping of firearms

Applicants must comply with the storage requirements outlined in the [NT Firearms Regulations 1997](#) (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 [Firearm Storage Requirements](#).

Applicants must include a storage form with their firearm application.

- self-storage if previously inspected
(Attach PF491 Self declaration for storage/safekeeping of firearms)
- self-storage
(Attach PF482 Permission to inspect premises (First time applicants/new safe/new location))
- storage with the dealer or another licence holder
(Attach PF492 Permission to store firearms notice)

Photos of your storage/safe should include

- exterior of storage/safe
- interior of storage/safe showing location of all securing bolts or welds
- any internal compartments, doors and the locking mechanism or locks.

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.

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 licence 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
- copy of current FSTC certificate (firearms club or approved course)
- certificate of firearms club membership - PF474B
- pre requisites
 - copy of equivalent current category H interstate licence (if applicable), or
 - copy of Club junior sports shooter's licence, or
 - copy of Sports shooter's permit
- documents relating to Information disclosure section
- storage form.

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 firearmsregistry@pfes.nt.gov.au.