



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 (8am–5.00pm 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

- a signed letter must be accompanied with the application outlining:
  - reason to collect a firearm including
    - as curiosities or ornaments, or
    - for their historic or artistic or mechanical uniqueness
  - category
  - type
  - period
  - style
- a firearm Collectors licence authorises the holder to possess and display only firearms of a category specified in the licence
- the holder of a firearms collector licence may:
  - only purchase and possess category H firearms manufactured after 31 December 1946 if the holder is a student of arms must continuously hold the status of a student of arms
  - only purchase category A & B firearms manufactured on or after 1 January 1947 if the holder is a student of arms
  - only purchase and possess category C & D firearms if the holder has held a Firearms collector licence for 5 years or more and must continuously hold the status of a student of arms
- firearm purchased under this licence must be
  - permanently incapable of being fired where it is a Category D firearm
  - temporarily incapable of being fired for all other categories
- firearms collectors licence is valid for 10 years
- all sections of the application must be completed

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- 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.

## Collectors association

An applicant for, or holder of, a firearm Collectors licence must be

- a member of an approved society or club the members of which collect firearms
- If you cease to be a member of an approved society or club your licence will be revoked.

The only approved societies in the NT are the Arms Collectors Association of the NT [ACA-NT] ([secretary@acant.org.au](mailto:secretary@acant.org.au)) or the Territory Arms Guild [TAG] at SSAA Darwin ([secretary@ssaadarwinbranch.com.au](mailto:secretary@ssaadarwinbranch.com.au)).

## Student of arms

A person may be considered to be a Student of arms if the person:

- is the holder of a firearms collector licence
- is, and has been for at least 12 months, a member of an approved historical firearms collector's society and that society recognises the person to be a student of arms.
- can demonstrate regular attendance at meetings and participation in displays held by the society i.e. minutes showing attendance to meetings
- can demonstrate that the person's firearms collection has a thematic structure and historical or commemorative value i.e. letter outlining how the firearms in the collection are linked
- possesses a research library and/or contributes to the society's literature on the theme of the collection held i.e. letter from the Society citing contribution to literature specific to your theme

## 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
  - recent utility bill
  - electoral enrolment with current residential address displayed.

## Firearms categories

The firearm 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

It is a requirement that you must complete a Firearm Training and Safety course (FTSC) and provide a copy of your certificate. Approved training providers can be found at [FTSC providers](#).

## Storage and safekeeping of firearms

Applicants must comply with the storage requirements outlined in the [NT Firearms Regulations 1997](#) Part 3 Section (25) and ensure you are aware of what is required for the storage and safekeeping of your firearms.

Applicants must include a storage form with their firearm application.

- self-storage (Category A and B (C, D and H if previously inspected))  
(Attach PF491 Self declaration for storage/safekeeping of firearms)
- self-storage (Category C, D and H)  
(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 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
- copy of current FTSC certificate
- signed letter outlining the reason for applying for an collectors firearm licence
- copy of current membership of historical firearms collector's society
- copy of current Student of Arms recognition (if applicable)
- minutes showing attendance to meetings (Student of arms)

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- letter outlining how the firearms in the collection are linked (Student of arms)
- letter from the Society citing contribution to literature specific to your theme (Student of arms)
- documents relating to Information disclosure section
- storage and safekeeping 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 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](mailto:firearmsregistry@pfes.nt.gov.au).