Northern Territory Police Force

Firearms Collector Licence Information Sheet

Northern Territory Firearms Act 1997

Read the information sheet before completing your application.

Where to lodge your application

Northern Territory firearms licence applications must be lodged in person at an NT Police station.

All NT firearms licence applications within the greater Darwin and Palmerston region (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 applications for a licence outside this region can be lodged at any NT Police station.

General information

- A firearms collector's licence authorises the holder to possess and display only firearms of a category specified in the licence. A Firearms Collector licence is valid for 10 years.
- Applications for a new Firearms Collector Licence may only be issued for Category A, B, or H firearms.
- Firearms categories C and D may be added to a Firearms Collector Licence if the holder is a student of arms and has continuously held the licence for at least 5 years.
- The holder of a firearms collector licence may:
    - 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 H firearms manufactured after 31 December 1946 if the holder is a student of arms and they continuously hold this title.
- Firearms purchased under this licence must be:
    - Permanently inoperable where it is a category D firearm.
- Temporarily inoperable for all other categories of firearm.

Collectors association

An applicant for, or holder of, a Firearms Collector Licence must be a member of an approved society or club whose members collect firearms. The only approved societies in the Northern Territory are the Arms Collectors Association of the NT (ACANT) or the Territory Arms Guild (TAG).

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 12 months, a member of an approved historical 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 at meetings.
- Can demonstrate that the person's firearms collection has a thematic structure and historical or commemorative value.
- Possesses a research library and/or contributes to the 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, this may include:
  - A current NT driver licence.
  - A recent utility bill.
  - Confirmation of electoral enrolment which has details of your current residential address.

Firearms categories

The licence category you are applying for is dependent on the type of firearms that you own, propose to acquire or use. Select the firearms category relevant to the firearms you intend to collect under your Firearms Collector licence. More information on firearm categories can be found on the website.

Training

It is a requirement that you must complete a Firearms Training and Safety course (FTSC) and provide a copy of your certificate. Approved training providers can be found on the website.

Storage and safekeeping of firearms

The applicant's premises must comply with the storage and safe keeping required as specified for a firearms collector licence under the *Firearms Regulations 1997*. Complete a Permission to inspect premises form (PF482) and attach to the application.

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 a 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

You must answer all questions about any criminal history, mental health history and domestic violence instances 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.
- You must disclose if you have been fined as a result of a court appearance.
- You must disclose all history including youth offences and all adult charges. This includes spent convictions.
- You are required to provide supporting documentation if you have medical history which may affect your ability to hold a permit or licence.

If you are uncertain about any of these questions, please select 'Yes'. National checks will be conducted during the adjudication process. Providing false or misleading information will result in your application being refused and may lead to criminal charges.

Waiting Period

It may take up 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:

- A signed letter must be accompanied with the application outlining:
  - Reason to collect a firearm.
  - Historical, commemorative or thematic significance of the proposed collection.
  - Intended theme.
  - Category.
  - Type.
  - Period.
  - Style.
- Proof of identity up to 100 points is required.
- Evidence of NT residency.
- Copy of current membership of approved historical firearms collector society or club.
- A copy of current FTSC certificate.
- Documents relating to Information disclosure section.
- Storage and safekeeping form.

Note:

- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Payment is required at the time of application.
- All supporting documents must be supplied at the time of application.

Need an Interpreter service?

You can use an interpreter service if you are having difficulty understanding these questions. You can contact 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 on (08) 8922 3543 between 8 am and 11am Monday to Friday excluding public holidays or email firearmsregistry@pfes.nt.gov.au. Do not send applications to this address, they will not be accepted.