



Read the information sheet before completing your application.

Where to lodge your application

Application for a NT firearms purchase/transfer permit 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 Purchase or Transfer permit 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–5:00pm Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays). All applications for a permit outside this area can be lodged at any NT Police station.

General information

- the holder of a licence may apply to the Commissioner for a permit to purchase or acquire a firearm
- the applicant may include more than 1 firearm on the Purchase or transfer permit
- a Permit to acquire/purchase firearm cannot be issued until 28 days after the day on application for the permit is made
- when the Purchase or transfer permit application has been approved two (2) copies of the Permit to acquire/purchase firearm will be issued to the applicant and is valid for 3 months.
- if the firearm is not acquired within the 3 months the applicant will have to reapply for the Purchase or transfer permit
- storage address details must be provided, if the firearms are being stored in more than 1 location include all addresses. Storage locations must be previously approved by the FPRU
- your copy of the Permit to acquire/purchase firearm is authorisation to possess the firearms until a registration certificate is forwarded to you in the mail
- if the FPRU do not receive a completed copy of the Permit to acquire/purchase firearm the firearm will not get registered. You must have it completed and delivered to the FPRU while the Permit to acquire/purchase firearm is current
- a Registration Certificate for the firearm should be received within six weeks of the FPRU receiving the completed Permit to acquire/purchase firearm
- a fee will be charged for each firearm listed on the Purchase or transfer permit
- a separate Permit to acquire/purchase firearm will be issued for each firearm listed on the application
- private purchase and transfers require all firearms to be sighted which can be completed at the same time as submitting the application
- must be a permanent resident of Australia
- 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.

Firearms categories

The firearm category you may apply for depends on the categories approved on your firearm licence. More information on [Firearms Categories](#) can be located on the NT Police Force website.

Collectors

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 and 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 and must continuously hold the status of a student of arms
- apply for a category C & D firearms collectors licence once the applicant has held a Firearms collectors licence for 5 years, once issued they will be eligible to apply to purchase or transfer a category C or D firearm.

Firearm purchased under this licence type must be

- permanently incapable of being fired where it is a Category D firearm
- temporarily incapable of being fired for A, B, C and H categories

Antique

- an antique collector's licence authorises the holder to possess and display firearms of a specified category that were manufactured before 1st January 1900.
- Antique collectors are not permitted to discharge firearms held under their antique firearms collector's licence.

Student of arms

Applicants can only purchase and possess firearms manufactured on or after 1st January 1947 if the holder is a student of arms.

A student of arms declaration must be completed by the applicants historical society. Declarations are available on the [NT Police Force website](#).

A student of arms is a person who:

- 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 of the society and participation in displays held by the society
- can demonstrate that the person's firearms collection has a thematic structure and historical or commemorative value
 - must own a minimum of 3 firearms on their collectors licence
 - letter outlining how the firearms in the collection are linked
- can demonstrate the applicant 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
- Interstate Student of Arms cannot be recognised in the Northern Territory (NT). Licence holders must meet all NT requirements to be considered a Student of Arms

Type of purchase or transfer

Purchase

Private purchase

- the applicant (the Buyer) and the registered owner (the Seller) of the firearm must attend any licensed firearm dealer or, in the case where a dealer is not reasonably available, a police station with the two copies of the Permit to acquire/purchase firearm
- the dealer who witnesses the purchase will endorse both copies of the permit to acquire/purchase firearm
- the onus is on the seller to endorse the back of the permit (regarding the disposal details) and either return the endorsed permit themselves to the FPRU or leave the endorsed permit with the dealer for them to return to FPRU
- the registered owner (the seller) must complete either:
 - a PF451-Notice of Change of Personal Particulars or Particulars for Firearms, or
 - the private sale section on the purchase and permit application, or
 - a statutory declaration or;
 - the back of the registration form confirming the firearm has been sold

NT Dealers purchase

- present your two copies of your permit to acquire/purchase firearm to a licensed firearm dealer from whom you are purchasing the firearm from
- the dealer will endorse both copies of the permit to acquire/purchase form with the firearm details and return one copy to you
- the other copy is retained by the dealer and sent to the FPRU who will then register your firearm from this information.

Interstate dealers purchase

- arrange the transfer of firearm from an interstate dealer to a local dealer – strongly recommended, or
- take the two copies of the permit to acquire/purchase form to the Dealer interstate
 - as detailed on the bottom of the permit to acquire/purchase firearm, you must ensure that the dealer is made aware that a copy of the completed and endorsed permit to acquire/purchase firearm must be emailed to: firearmsregistry@pfes.nt.gov.au.

Overseas purchase / acquisition

- firearms cannot be mailed directly to the purchaser from overseas
- it is a requirement for firearms purchased from overseas to be transferred to a local dealer.
- the applicant must complete a B709 - Application to import Firearms and Weapons form to be able to import firearms into Australia

Transfer

Interstate transfer

- transfer of your interstate firearms must be transferred at the same time you apply for a NT firearms licence
- your firearms are required to be sighted by either a local Dealer or at a police station
- a copy of the Interstate Registration Certificate should be provided for interstate transfers

Deceased estate

- a statutory declaration or a letter from the executor of the estate must be provided for a deceased estate
- for a period of 28 days, only the executor of the will is considered to be the registered owner of the firearm and may possess it for the purpose of disposal,
- after 28 days the firearms are deemed unregistered and must be lodged with a dealer or police
- the applicant must hold a licence for the same firearm category as the inherited firearms.

Particulars of firearms

Applicants must include the details of all firearms to be purchased or transferred

- Category
- Make/Brand
- Model
- Manufacturer year – evidence or research must be submitted with application
- Serial no (if known)
- Action
- Caliber
- Capacity

Information disclosure

The applicant 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.

What you need to bring?

- must provide 100 points of identification proof of identity
- evidence of NT residency
- firearms licence
- interstate registration documents (if applicable)
- Student of Arms declaration (if applicable)
- letter outlining (Firearms collector licence)
 - how the firearms in the collection are linked
 - how the firearms in the collection have a thematic structure
 - statement of need if acquiring category C, D and H firearms

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- letter outlining reason for possessing and displaying antique firearms (Antique firearms collectors licence)
- provide evidence Category D firearms are permanently inoperable (Firearms collector licence)
- B709 - Application to import firearms and weapons form (overseas purchases)
- deceased estate documentation (if applicable)
- documents relating to Information disclosure section (if applicable)

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 8:00am and 11:00am Monday to Friday excluding public holidays or email

firearmsregistry@pfes.nt.gov.au