

Northern Territory Police



SHOOTERS LICENCE FOR FIRST TIME APPLICANTS

FOR APPLICANTS

INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

An application for a Firearms Licence must be lodged in person by NT residents at their nearest NT Police Station, or with NT Police on a Rural Patrol. Applications **should not** be mailed in directly to the Firearms Policy and Records Unit.

A new photograph is a requirement and will be taken by Police each time you lodge an application for a licence.

Licences that have **lapsed** will be treated as a first time applicant. There is no renewal system in the NT - each and every application is a **new** application under the Act and all supporting documentation must be provided on each occasion. **All forms** are available online at <http://www.pfes.nt.gov.au/Police.aspx>

FPRU will do a **full criminal history check** (NT & Nationally) for every application. Ensure you answer the criminal history declaration in full and disclose all history.

NT RESIDENCY

Current NT drivers licence with a current residential address displayed or other proof of NT residency.

FIRST TIME APPLICANTS:

An Application for a Shooters Licence (PF444 – Application for – Shooters Licence / Sport Shooters Permit / Cat H Sport Shooters Licence / Junior Club Licence) must be submitted with 100 points of identification, a genuine reason and storage.

Ensure that you read the '**Storage & Safekeeping of Firearms**' and the '**National Firearms Safety Code**' booklet (see NT Police website <http://www.pfes.nt.gov.au/Police.aspx>) before you sit the safety examination which is part of the requirement for a Licence.

You must get 100% correct on the exam – if 100% is not achieved your application will not be accepted. You will be advised by staff when re-examination can occur.

INTERSTATE TRANSFERS:

If you are transferring from another State or Territory and your licence is **current**, you do not have to undertake the NT safety examination. We do not recognise interstate qualifications only current licences.

You must bring your interstate licence and registered firearm list to the Police Station when you lodge your application.

You will also have to **present** your currently registered firearms and any others you hold for inspection to confirm the firearm description and serial numbers before the firearms will be registered in the Northern Territory. If they are not present you must account for each one – where, how stored, why not present for inspection and registration.

ALL APPLICANTS:

You must establish a **Genuine Reason** to shoot with each application. You can do this by supplying one or more of the following:

- '*Crown Land Hunting Permit*' from the NT Lands Administration Office - Department of Planning and Infrastructure. These are available from:

DARWIN: Energy House, Level 1, 18-20 Cavanagh St, Darwin
Phone: (08) 8999 6435, or

KATHERINE: 1st floor, Katherine Government Centre, 5 First Street, Katherine
Phone: (08) 8973 8661, or

ALICE SPRINGS: Green Well Building, Ground Floor, 50 Bath Street, Alice Springs
Phone: (08) 8951 9200, or

TENNANT CREEK: 33 Leichhardt Street, Tennant Creek
Phone: (08) 8962 4515, or

- Other current NT Government issued Waterfowl or Pig Hunting Permits, or
- Be a current member of a Sport Shooting Club and provide a Certificate of Support ('Certificate of A/B/C firearm club membership' - PF474 – see website) from an approved signatory of your Club, or
- Provide proof that you have permission from the owner/manager of rural land of a suitable size to hunt/shoot on that land that is dated and shows the period permission is granted for. Hunting or Shooting on rural land cannot be substantiated for small rural blocks **less than 25 sq km**. The reference in the Regulations to rural land should be taken as large pastoral properties away from major population centres and towns, or
- Proof that you have permission from the relevant Land Council or Community to hunt on Aboriginal Land. It should be on Council or Community Letterhead paper and typed or printed clearly showing period permission is granted for.

Note: A Genuine Reason must remain current and therefore you will need to reapply for a new '*Crown Land Hunting Permit*' or other NT issued Hunting Permit or authorising letter that expires during the term of your licence.

FIREARM STORAGE

Is a requirement of being granted a Licence and you must have or have access to approved storage facilities to be eligible for a Licence. You must:

- Complete a Declaration ('Declaration of safekeeping storage of firearms' - **PF491** – see website) and attach photographs showing the entire safe, locking mechanisms and method of securing/bolting in points and a Purchase Receipt (if available) - (use this if you have only a few firearms to check), or
- Request your Gun Safe to be inspected by signing and submitting a Permission to Inspect Premises form ('Inspection of premises' - **PF482** – see website) with your application (use this if you have a lot of firearms to check), or
- Provide a letter of permission for storage with a current licence holder ('Permission to store firearms notice' - **PF492** – see website) - (any firearms you have must still be checked).

PURCHASE PERMITS (also used for interstate firearm transfers) – see website (Purchase or Transfer Permits) - complete one for each firearm you are purchasing or transferring.

APPLICANTS SEEKING A CATEGORY H ENDORSEMENT ON A SHOOTERS LICENCE FOR OCCUPATIONAL PURPOSES

In the case of a pilot who operates in remote areas, the following must be provided:

- A copy of your Pilots Licence, copies of the last 6 months of your flight logs showing remote area flights,
- A copy of your Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) approval to carry a firearm on an aircraft,
- A copy of your current Firearm Training and Safety Course certificate,
- A letter outlining the reason why you require a pistol, and the circumstances of why a firearm is not provided by your employer under a Corporate and Employee Licence, and
- Cat H Firearm Storage arrangements. Cat H safes must be inspected.

In the case of other individual occupational requirements, the following must be provided:

- A letter outlining the reason why you require a pistol, and the circumstances of why a firearm is not provided by your employer under a Corporate and Employee Licence.

For further information, please contact the Firearms Policy and Records Unit or email:
FirearmsRegistry@pfes.nt.gov.au