



# INFORMATION SHEET IMPLEMENTATION Q&A

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### New WA Firearm Laws

Western Australia's new Firearms Act comes into effect from 31 March 2025.

Public safety is at the forefront of the new laws, which includes restrictions on the number of guns individuals can own, mandatory offences and orders, mandatory safety training, health assessments and strict new storage requirements.

Transitional arrangements will be in place after the new laws come into effect.

Under these arrangements all existing firearms licence holders will be automatically granted a transitional authority (effectively a temporary licence) and will have at least 90 days to transition.

From 31 March, all existing licence holders whose licence is due to expire before 30 June will have 90 days from their licence renewal date to comply with the new legislation.

All other licence holders will receive communication from WA Police and have 90 days to transition to their new licence.

Once you receive correspondence from WA Police you can contact [Firearmsproject@police.wa.gov.au](mailto:Firearmsproject@police.wa.gov.au) or call on **1300894474** and they will be able to assist you in the process.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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- **I'm a licenced firearm owner but haven't been contacted by WA Police. What do I need to do, if anything, on March 31?**
  - From March 31, 2025, when the new firearm laws commence, every existing firearm owner will be automatically provided with a transitional authority.
  - You can log into the external portal from 31 March to establish your new account.
  - Take no further action until you are contacted by WA Police.
  - WA Police have established a dedicated call centre on **1300894474**

- **Is the three-month transitional period available to everyone? New and current firearms owners?**
  - The transitional period is only applicable to existing licence holders to assist in transitioning to a new licence.
  - New applicants will apply via the current process until the 30 March and after this date via the online portal.
  
- **My firearm licence is up for renewal before the laws take effect on March 31, what do I need to do?**
  - Pay your renewal by its due date and await contact from WA Police to transition to your new licence.
  
- **My firearm licence is up for renewal on April 1, what happens to my licence given the new laws take effect March 31?**
  - Everyone who is an existing firearm owner will have a minimum of 90 days' transition time and assistance from police to comply.
  
- **My firearm licence is not up for renewal until December 2025, what do I need to do from March 31?**
  - You remain compliant and will be contacted 90 days prior to your expiry date with instruction on how to transition to your new licence.
  
- **I have always stored my firearms responsibly, so I assume I'm not required to do anything then?**
  - New storage requirements come into effect on 31 March 2025. Existing licence holders will need to follow instructions from WA Police on what storage level will be required by them at transition. Licence holders with 5 or less firearms stored in their house will not be required to take any action.
  
- **I have ordered my new storage but it's not going arrive before my licence expires, what do I do?**
  - If you can provide proof of purchase, police will exercise discretion.
  
- **I have a recreational shooting licence to hunt vermin on a friend's farm, my firearm licence expires AFTER the new laws come into effect – what happens now?**

- Every existing firearm holder will be contacted by WA Police to walk them through their obligations under the new laws. Their licence is still operational until renewal date as part of the transition and firearm owners can continue to hunt with the farm owners' authority.
  
- **What happens to disqualified or prohibited firearm holders from March 31, 2025?**
  - Disqualified or prohibited people are not eligible for a licence or a transitional authority and their licence will be cancelled.