

Voluntary Buyback Scheme 5.0 (VBS 5.0)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



A new firearm buyback period will apply for licensed firearms returned to WA Police for a nine-month period running from 14 April 2025 through to 14 January 2026.

The latest buyback will provide gunowners who did not participate in earlier schemes another opportunity to receive financial support for their surrendered firearms.

1. Where can I find the VBS 5.0 Surrender Form?

The Voluntary Firearm Surrender Form and VBS information can be located in the following location

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/western-australia-police-force/voluntary-buyback-scheme>

2. How does the VBS 5.0 Process work?

- Applicant completes the VBS 5.0 application form.
- Applicant attends a police station with the VBS 5.0 form, their WA Firearm Licence and firearm(s) to be surrendered.
- Police staff or officers will review the application form, verify ownership details and receive the firearm(s).
- Police staff or officers will confirm that the BSB and Account details are correct.

3. Who is eligible to participate in VBS 5.0?

All licensed Western Australian firearms owner.

4. What types of firearms are eligible for surrender?

- All Individual licensed Western Australia firearms.
- Not Included: All accessories, such as scopes, bags and ammunition.

5. How is the compensation amount determined?

Compensation for the firearm is based upon the firearm type and when the firearm was first licensed within Western Australia.

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Firearms type		< 6 years	>6 years
Handgun	Revolver	\$1,000	\$560
	Semi-Auto	\$833	\$466
Shotgun	Double Barrel	\$750	\$420
	Single Barrel	\$625	\$350
Rifle	Rimfire	\$416	\$233
	Centrefire	\$938	\$525
	Air Rifle	\$416	\$233