



INFORMATION SHEET

GOVERNMENT ENTITY LICENCE

Government Entity Licence

Purpose (s.101 Firearms Act 2024, r.196 Firearms Regulations 2024)

A Government Entity Licence can be issued for the following purposes:

- Animal control
- Law enforcement
- Museum

Animal control licence (r.199-204 Firearms Regulations 2024)

Animal control is:

- The marking of animals for identification by means of a firearm; **or**
- The sedation of animals by means of a firearm; **or**
- The culling, euthanasia or other humane destruction of animals by means of a firearm; **or**
- The marking of trees or infrastructure incidentally to an activity referred above.

Limit on Category D firearm (r.200 Firearms Regulations 2024)

A Category D firearm can only be used for the purpose of the aerial culling of animals.

Tranquiliser guns (r.202 Firearms Regulations 2024)

A Tranquiliser gun can only be issued under a Government Entity Licence if the regulator is satisfied that there will be an authorised person for the licence who can lawfully administer a tranquiliser by injection to an animal under the *Veterinary Practice Act 2021*.

Restriction on category H firearms (r.203 Firearms Regulations 2024)

The regulator must not grant the Animal control licence to apply to a category H firearm.

Approval of prohibited accessory (r.204(3) Firearms Regulations 2024)

The regulator is authorised to approve, as a permitted accessory for an Animal Control Licence, a prohibited accessory that is a sound suppressor.

Law enforcement licence (r.205-206 Firearms Regulations 2024)

Law enforcement is any of the following:

- A court security service or custodial service under the *Court Security and Custodial Services Act 1999* and other functions under that Act;
- The management, control and security of a prison under the *Prisons Act 1981* and other functions under that Act;
- The management, control and security of a facility or detention centre under the *Young Offenders Act 1994* and other functions under that Act.

Museum licence (r.207-208 Firearms Regulations 2024)

- *Museum* activity is either of the following when conducted as part of the operation of a museum:
- Studying, preserving, collecting or exhibiting firearms or related things;
- Educating the public about firearms or related things.

Record keeping (r.209 Firearms Regulations 2024)

The Licensee under a Government Entity Licence must record the following information about the withdrawal of a firearm or related thing from compliant storage:

- The *required information for the firearm or related thing; (see below)
- The name of the authorised person making the withdrawal;
- The reason for the withdrawal;
- The date and time of the withdrawal.

The licensee must keep the information recorded above for a period of **5** years commencing on the day after the withdrawal.

The Licensee under a Government Entity Licence must record the following information about the return of a firearm or related thing from compliant storage:

- The *required information for the firearm or related thing; (see below)
- The name of the authorised person returning the item;
- The date and time of the return;
- For ammunition, if the quantity of ammunition returned differs from the quantity of ammunition withdrawn from compliant storage – the reason why;
- For a firearm authorised under a Government Entity Licence for the purposes of law enforcement – any firing of the firearm outside a licensed firearm range.

* Required information means:

- For a firearm – the serial number of the firearm; **or**
- For a major firearm part – a serial number appearing on the part or, if there is no serial number, the type of part; **or**
- For ammunition – the quantity and type of the ammunition and whether the ammunition is live or blank ammunition.
- For a prohibited accessory – a serial number on the accessory, or if there is no serial number, the type of accessory.

The licensee must keep the information recorded above for a period of **5** years commencing on the day after the return.

Approved firearms trainers (s.24 Firearms Act 2024)

The regulator may approve a person to provide firearms training.

Firearm safety training course (r.211 Firearms Regulations 2024)

The Regulator can approve authorised persons under a Government Entity Licence for the purposes of animal control or law enforcement as approved firearms trainers for the purposes of them providing firearms safety training courses to authorised persons of the Government Entity.

Firearms permitted for Government Entity Licence (s.105 Firearms Act 2024)

A Government Entity Licence can apply to a firearm of category A, B, C, D, E or H.