



INFORMATION SHEET

PAINTBALL BUSINESS LICENCE

Paintball Business Licence

Purpose (s.51 Firearms Act 2024)

A licence for the purpose of conducting and providing facilities and equipment for the conduct of games of paintball.

Application for a Paintball Business Licence (r.68 Firearms Regulations 2024)

An application for the grant of a Paintball Business Licence must include the following:

- Details of the premises (the *proposed premises*) at which paintball games, for the paintball business for which the licence is sought, are proposed to be conducted.
- A plan and photographs of the proposed premises; (the photographs of the proposed premises must include photographs of the proposed playing area).
- Evidence that demonstrates that the applicant can lawfully use the proposed premises to carry on a paintball business. For example, a letter from the local government authority.

The plan of the proposed premises must show the layout of the premises, including which part of the premises is proposed as the playing area and which parts are proposed for other purposes.

Once a licence has been approved, the '*proposed premises*' becomes the '*licensed premises*'. (r.71).

Paintball Business firearms (s.51 Firearms Act 2024)

A Paintball Business Licence can only apply to a prescribed paintball gun.

A person attending a Paintball Business may use the Paintball Business's Licenced paintball guns under the supervision of an authorised person of the Paintball Business Licence, or should they have their own Individual Paintball Licence, they can bring their own paintball guns.

Paintball Business letter (r.42 Firearms Regulations 2024)

For an individual to obtain a Paintball Licence they must provide a club letter during their application/renewal to prove genuine reason for obtaining their licence. It is the responsibility of a Paintball Business to issue these letters to their members.

The letter must be issued via the new I.T. system by an authorised office bearer who can be either the president of the licensed firearm club, or another office bearer of the club who is authorised by the club president.

The club letter must include the following:

- The name of the licensee.
- The Paintball Business Licence authority number.
- If the licensee is a body corporate or partnership – the name of the responsible person for the licence providing the letter for the licensee.

Confirmation that the applicant has participated in at least 3 paintball games hosted by the Paintball Business in the last 6 months.

Record keeping requirements (r.71 Firearms Regulations 2024)

The licensee of a Paintball Business Licence must record the following information about each paintball game conducted at the licensed premises:

- The name and date of birth of each participant who participates in the game;
- If a participant holds a Paintball Licence – the authority number;
- The name of each authorised person under the Paintball Business Licence who supervises the game.

This information must be kept for a period of 5 years commencing on the day after the game.

Inspecting and testing paintball guns (r.73(5),74 Firearms Regulations 2024)

If an authorised person for the Paintball Business Licence is supervising a paintball game, they must ensure that, before the paintball gun is used that:

- The paintball gun has been inspected to ensure it complies with the requirements for a prescribed paintball gun; **and**
- Tested the paintball gun to ensure that it is only capable of firing a paintball pellet:
 - At a velocity of not more than 91.44 metres per second; **and**
 - With a diameter of at least 10mm and no more than 17.27mm.

While the paintball gun remains at the licensed premises, an authorised person is not required to inspect or test the paintball gun for subsequent games of paintball.