



INFORMATION SHEET

RANGE LICENCE

Range Licence

Purpose (s.79 Firearms Act 2024)

A Range Licence may be granted to an individual, body corporate or a partnership for the purposes of operating a firearm range.

Terms used (s.78 Firearms Act 2024)

Firearm range means an indoor or outdoor facility for the use of firearms for competition shooting, target shooting and firearms training;

Range firearm in relation to a Range Licence, means a firearm to which the Range Licence applies;

Shooting gallery means a movable firearm range.

Authority conferred by Range Licence (s.80 Firearms Act 2024)

A Range Licence for a firearm range authorises the following:

- The licensee is authorised to possess a range firearm for the purpose of the firearm being used as authorised by the licence;
- An authorised person for the licence is authorised to use a range firearm at the licensed firearm range for the purposes of competition shooting, target shooting or firearms training;
- Any person (other than a disqualified person or prohibited person) is authorised to use a range firearm at the licensed firearm range for the purposes of competition shooting, target shooting or firearms training under the immediate supervision of an authorised person for the licence.

The use of a range firearm for the purposes of firearms training is limited to firearms training provided by an authorised person for the licence who is an approved firearms trainer.

Authority for manufacture and sale of ammunition (s.82 Firearms Act 2024)

A Range Licence authorises an authorised person for the licence to:

- Manufacture ammunition for a range firearm for use in the range firearm at the licensed firearm range; **and**
- Supply ammunition for a range firearm to a person for use by the person in the range firearm at the licensed firearm range.

Suitability of range for Range Licence (s.83 Firearms Act 2024)

A Range Licence must not be granted for a firearm range unless the regulator is satisfied that:

- The location of the firearm range is a suitable location for a licensed firearm range; **and**
- The firearm range meets standards of construction determined by the regulator as necessary for the safe operation of a licensed firearm range at that location; **and**
- Use of the land for the purposes of a licensed range is a lawful use of the land. For example, a letter from the local government authority.

Range Licence for shooting gallery (s.84 Firearms Act 2024)

A Range Licence issued for a shooting gallery is subject to the following restrictions:

- The shooting gallery is a licensed firearm range only when it is being operated in accordance with the regulations and at locations, or locations of a kind, specified in the licence;
- The licence does not authorise the use of a firearm for the purposes of firearms training.

Requirements for application for grant of licence - other than for shooting galleries (r.151, r.152 Firearms Regulations 2024)

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

- The location of the proposed licensed firearm range (the *proposed range*);
- A plan (the *proposed plan*) of, and for the safe operation of, the shooting area for the proposed range;
- Photographs of the shooting area for the proposed range;
- A map of the property where the proposed range is located;
- Information about each shooting discipline for which the applicant intends to provide facilities or equipment at the proposed range;
- Evidence that demonstrates:
 - The applicant is the owner or other lawful occupier of the land; **and**
 - The matter of which the regulator must be satisfied under section 83(c) of the *Firearms Act 2024*.
- A business plan;
- If the application is for a licence that applies to a category C firearm – information about the matters of which the regulator must be satisfied under regulation 155(3).

- The *proposed plan* must:
- Show the layout of the shooting area, including any shooting lanes and safety features; **and**
- Demonstrate how the shooting area meets the standards of construction referred to in section 83(b) of the *Firearms Act 2024*; **and**
- Demonstrate how the operation of the shooting area will be managed to ensure its safe operation.

Requirements for application for grant of licence – shooting galleries (r.158 Firearms Regulations 2024)

An application for the grant of a Range Licence for a shooting gallery must include the following:

- The proposed locations, or kinds of locations, at which the applicant proposes to operate the shooting gallery;
- Any events, or kinds of events, during which the applicant proposes to operate the shooting gallery;
- A plan (the *proposed plan*) of, and for the safe operation of, the shooting area for the shooting gallery;
- Photographs of the shooting area for the shooting gallery;
- Information about each shooting activity the applicant proposes to conduct in the shooting gallery;
- A business plan.

The *proposed plan* must:

- Show the layout of the shooting area, including any shooting lanes and safety features; **and**
- Demonstrate how the shooting area meets the standards of construction referred to in regulation 159(2)(b); **and**
- Demonstrate how the operation of the shooting area will be managed to ensure its safe operation.

Firearms to which Range Licence applies (s.85 Firearms Act 2024)

- A Range Licence can only apply to a firearm of category A, B, C or H unless the licence is a Range Licence for a shooting gallery.
- A Range Licence for a shooting gallery can only apply to a firearm of category A.
- A Range Licence need not apply to any firearm.