



# Australian Citizenship & Resident of Western Australia

## Information Sheet

### **Important Information: Australian Citizenship & Resident of Western Australia**

This Information Sheet provides essential guidance on the imminent changes brought about by the *Firearms Act 2024*.

Once enacted, new firearm laws will significantly impact both current firearm licence holders and all new firearm licence applicants, particularly in relation to changes in firearm licence types and who can obtain or retain a licence.

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The legislation will apply to all firearms licence holders when proclaimed and any new firearm licence applicants. The legislation is retrospective and there will be no grandfathering for those that have a current Firearm Licence/s.

### **Non-Resident of Western Australia - Implications**

If you do not reside in Western Australia

- Any new application for a firearm licence will not be approved.
- If you have a current firearm licence when the legislation is proclaimed it will be cancelled.

### **Non-Citizenship of Australia – Implications**

If you are a person that is not

- a) an Australian citizen as defined in the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* (Commonwealth) section 4; or
  - b) a permanent resident as defined in the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* (Commonwealth) section 5; or
  - c) resident in Australia in circumstances prescribed by the regulations.
- An application for a firearm licence will not be approved: or
  - If you have a current firearm licence when the legislation is proclaimed it will be cancelled.

### **If your licence is cancelled**

- Your firearm/s will be seized by police and kept in secure storage.
- You will have 90 days to lawfully dispose of the firearm/s, or they will be relinquished to police and then destroyed.

## **Actions to Take with Your Firearms**

If you anticipate that you will not be able to meet these future requirements, you should consider the following options:

- Sell your firearms through a licensed Firearms Dealer
- Utilise the Firearm Amnesty and relinquish your firearms to the police
- You will not receive any remuneration for firearms relinquished under the Firearms Amnesty.

Failure to relinquish your firearms will result in police seizure.

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## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

For further information and frequently asked questions, visit the [Police WA Firearms Help Centre](#).

Link to relevant Legislation [Firearms Act 2024](#)

Progress of the Act containing the *Firearm Act 2024* can be obtained from: [The Parliamentary of WA Website](#).

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