



Individual Firearm Licence (Competition)

Information Sheet

Important Information: Individual Firearm Licence (Competition)

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.

Overview of Individual Licence (Competition Licence)

A Competition Licence permits the licensing of up to 10* firearms.

*Note: If possessing a Hunting Licence in addition to the Competition Licence, the maximum total firearm count remains 10.

Written Authority (Club)

A Written Authority (Club) is an endorsement by a Licensed Firearm Club, validating competitive firearm use at licensed ranges.

Validity and Renewal

Existing Written Authorities (known currently as Property Letter and Club Letters) will be rescinded when the new legislation commences. A new written authority is required at licence renewal.

Obtaining A New Written Authority (Club)

Licensed Firearm Clubs can issue Written Authorities (Club). The Regulator requires assurance of the Competition Licence holder's active membership in an approved Licensed Firearms Club.

Consequences of Non-Compliance

Failure to secure a written authority will result in the licence being suspended and firearms seized.

Club Attendance Requirement

Competition Licence holders must participate in a minimum number of registered competitions annually to retain their licence.

Usage Beyond the Club

Category A and B firearms listed on a Competition Licence can also be used for hunting should the licence holder have a multi-purpose licence for competition and hunting purposes. Each firearm will require the Written Authority for the multiple purpose.

Elite Shooter Consideration

Elite shooters, recognised at State, National, and international levels, may apply for additional firearms. Proof from a recognised state, national or international sporting body is required.

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.

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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