## **Important Information: Licence Types**

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.

# **Changes in Firearm Licence Types**

The Firearms Act 2024 introduces new licence types that contemporises the purpose for the possession and use of firearms. These changes will include:

## **New Licence Types**

- Individual Licence (maximum 10 firearms)
  - Competition shooting (10 firearms)
  - Hunting (5 firearms)
  - Paintball

### Business Licence

- Security Agent
- Firearms Training
- Theatrical
- Paintball
- Professional Shooter
- Prescribed
- Primary Producer Licence
- Collector Licence
- Club Licence
- Range Licence
- Trade Licence
  - Dealer
  - Manufacturer
  - o Repair
  - Storage
- Government Entity Licence

#### **Transition Process**

The WA Police Force has established a dedicated transition team tasked with identifying all licence holders and firearms. Upon proclamation of the Act, all existing licence holders will be transitioned to the appropriate new licence type. Prior to renewal of your licence, during the transition period, you may be contacted by the transition team to confirm the firearms being transferred from your existing licence to the new licence type.

# **Stringent Processes and Considerations**

With the introduction of the new licence types, more stringent processes will apply, including numerical limits, new written authorities (property/club letters), and mandatory health assessments.

#### **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 <u>Police WA Firearms Help</u> 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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