



Written Authority for Individual Firearm Licences

Information Sheet

Important Information: Written Authority for Individual Firearm Licences

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

There are two types of Written Authority:

1. **Property:** is an authorisation by a registered landholder to allow you to hunt on their property.
2. **Club:** is an authorisation by a club to support competition use of your firearm at licensed ranges.

Purpose of Written Authority

A Written Authority is a crucial component in demonstrating genuine reason for obtaining/retaining a firearm licence.

Need for a New Written Authority

All current property and club support letters will become redundant; however, these changes will not take effect until early 2025.

Upon commencement of the new legislation, your licence will become a transitional authority carrying over the same conditions until it is due for renewal. 90 days prior to licence renewal you will be requested to provide a new Written Authority.

When these new provisions come into effect Licensing Services will contact you prior to your renewal date to seek a new Written Authority to support the renewal of your licence. There is no need for you to do anything at this stage until contacted.

Obtaining a New Written Authority - Property

A Written Authority (Property) can be issued by any registered landholder through the new IT system. All properties who wish to issue Written Authorities must be registered using their Certificate of Title (Volume and Folio Number), which can be accessed through Landgate's website.

Limitations and Renewal

Properties will be assessed to determine the number of Written Authorities based on size, location, and feral/vermin control requirements.

Multiple Written Authorities

A Written Authority is required for every landholding you wish to hunt on.

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.

Cost and Restrictions

Selling a Written Authority is an offence.

Property owners may decide not to register their properties to issue Written Authorities under the new laws.

Consequences of Non-Compliance

Failure to obtain, or withdrawal of a Written Authority may result in licence revocation and firearm seizure.

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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