



This document is provided for the purpose of advising the community of the terms of appointment for Police Auxiliary Officers – Custody/Support under the Police Act 1892.

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT POLICE AUXILIARY OFFICER – CUSTODY SUPPORT POSITION

Pursuant to Part IIIB of the *Police Act 1892*, a Police Auxiliary Officer – Custody/Support is appointed in accordance with their offer of appointment and terms and conditions of employment dated, and subject to the terms, conditions and limitations specified in this Certificate of Appointment.

For the purposes of this Certificate of Appointment:

“Certificate of Appointment” refers to this Certificate of Appointment.

“Formally on Duty” refers to the period in which you are working as a Police Auxiliary Officer consistent with:

- a duty roster;
- approved overtime;
- approved recall to duty; or
- any other periods as may be specifically required by your Supervisor.

“Police Officer” means a member of the Police Force of Western Australia appointed under Part I of the *Police Act 1892*.

“Terms and conditions of employment” refers to any contract or applicable industrial agreement or award that is made in respect to the wages, allowances and conditions of Police Auxiliary Officers.

“Western Australia Police” means the Police Service and the Police Force of Western Australia.

An appointment is valid from the date of each individual's Certificate of Appointment, and may be cancelled at any time by the Commissioner of Police.

A Police Auxiliary Officer is not a Police Officer by virtue of their appointment. As such, they should not at any time represent themselves as being a Police Officer.

A Police Auxiliary Officer has all of the powers, duties and obligations that a Police Officer has under any written law, other than the *Police Act 1892* and any authorisation, exemption or exception in any written law, other than the *Police Act 1892* applies to a Police Auxiliary Officer, subject to the following limitations:

1. they may only exercise these powers or perform these duties or obligations; and
2. be entitled to these exemptions or exceptions,

when undertaking the duties of a Police Auxiliary Officer and limited only to while they are formally on duty.

Additionally, the exception contained in section 8(1)(d) of the *Firearms Act 1973* applies to Police Auxiliary Officers only to the extent that they possess a firearm for the purposes of:

- dealing with stolen or lost property or evidentiary exhibits; and
- cleaning firearms within the Western Australia Police armoury,

as may be required from time to time. The exception under section 8(1)(d) of the *Firearms Act 1973* does not apply to Police Auxiliary Officers in respect to the use of a firearm. That is, Police Auxiliary Officers are not allowed to discharge or otherwise use a firearm whilst formally on duty.

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