



Appendix four – Firearms licence categories

Licence categories and genuine reason table (Updated December 2018)	Category A Licence * Air rifles * Rimfire rifle (other than self-loading) * Shotgun/rimfire combinations * Shotgun (other than pump action, lever action or self-loading).	Category B Licence * Muzzle loading firearms (other than pistols) * Centre-fire rifles (other than self-loading) * Shotgun/centre-fire combinations * Lever action shotguns with a magazine capacity of no more than 5 rounds.	Category C Licence Prohibited except for limited purposes * Self-loading rimfire rifles with a magazine capacity of no more than 10 rounds * Self-loading shotguns with a magazine capacity of no more than 5 rounds * Pump action shotguns with a magazine capacity of no more than 5 rounds.	Category D Licence Prohibited except for official purposes * Self-loading centre-fire rifles * Self-loading rimfire rifles with a magazine capacity of more than 10 rounds * Self-loading shotguns with a magazine capacity of more than 5 rounds * Pump action shotguns with a magazine capacity of more than 5 rounds * Lever action shotguns with a magazine capacity of more than 5 rounds * Any firearm to which a Category C licence applies.	Category H Licence * Pistols including blank fire pistols and air pistols.
Sport/Target Shooting	YES Enter details of your principal target shooting club membership AND upload a copy of your membership card.	YES Enter details of your principal target shooting club membership AND upload a copy of your membership card Club membership satisfies special need.	YES Enter details of your clay target shooting club membership AND upload a copy of your certificate from a medical practitioner Club membership satisfies special need.	NOT AVAILABLE	YES Enter details of your pistol shooting club membership AND upload a copy of your membership card Club membership satisfies special need. First time applicants will be issued with a Probationary Pistol Licence for 1 year.
Recreational Hunting/Vermin Control	YES Select from the following options AND upload copies of supporting documents: * Hunting Club membership, or * Ownership/occupancy of rural land, or * Permission to shoot on rural land, or * Game hunting licence, or * Permission from prescribed government agency	YES Select from the following options AND upload copies of supporting documents: * Hunting Club membership, or * Ownership/occupancy of rural land, or * Permission to shoot on rural land, or * Game hunting licence, or * Permission from prescribed government agency + Demonstrate special need.	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE
Primary Production	YES Enter details of your primary production business AND upload your primary production certification plus proof of ownership or occupancy of rural land: * Occupation as a primary producer, or * Owner, lessee or manager of land used for primary production.	YES Enter details of your primary production business AND upload your primary production certification plus proof of ownership or occupancy of rural land: * Occupation as a primary producer, or * Owner, lessee or manager of land used for primary production. + Demonstrate special need.	YES Enter details of your primary production business AND upload your primary production certification plus proof of ownership or occupancy of rural land: * Occupation as a primary producer, or * Owner, lessee or manager of land used for primary production. + Demonstrate special need.	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE
Vertebrate Pest Animal Control	YES Upload copies of supporting documents AND provide certification that you are: * Professional contract shooter, or * Employed or authorised by a government agency.	YES Upload copies of supporting documents AND provide certification that you are: * Professional contract shooter, or * Employed or authorised by a government agency. + Demonstrate special need.	NOT AVAILABLE The firearm type authorised by a Category C licence for this genuine reason is covered by a Category D Licence.	YES Upload copies of supporting documents AND provide certification that you are: * Professional contract shooter, or * Employed or authorised by a government agency * Primary producer involved in an authorised eradication campaign. + Demonstrate special need.	NOT AVAILABLE

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Business or Employment Owner of business Employee of business	YES Upload proof that the use of firearms is necessary in your business or employment of: * Security Guard * Commercial Fishing * Business - Other Security guards shotgun only.	YES Upload proof that the use of firearms is necessary in your business or employment of: * Commercial Fishing * Business - Other + Demonstrate special need. Not available to security guards.	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE	YES Upload proof that the use of firearms is necessary in your business or employment of: * Security Guard * Business - Other. + Demonstrate special need. Security Guards will initially be issued with a Provisional Pistol Licence .
Rural Occupation	YES Upload proof of your employment or engagement in rural occupation requiring the use of firearms, e.g. letter from your employer on official letterhead.	YES Upload proof of your employment or engagement in rural occupation requiring the use of firearms, e.g. letter from your employer on official letterhead. + Demonstrate special need.	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE
Animal Welfare	YES Upload proof that the use of firearms is necessary for your animal welfare responsibilities as: * An officer of the RSPCA or Animal Welfare League, or * Veterinary practitioner, or * Employee of Department of Primary Industries or Local Land Services, or * Owner, transporter, drover or other handler of animals.	YES Upload proof that the use of firearms is necessary for your animal welfare responsibilities as: * An officer of the RSPCA or Animal Welfare League, or * Veterinary practitioner, or * Employee of Department of Primary Industries or Local Land Services, or * Owner, transporter, drover or other handler of animals. + Demonstrate special need.	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE
Firearms Collection The collection must have a genuine commemorative, historical, thematic or financial value.	YES Enter details of your principal collecting club membership AND upload a letter of endorsement by your collecting club and proof of membership Firearms must be rendered temporarily inoperable.	YES Enter details of your principal collecting club membership AND upload a letter of endorsement by your collecting club and proof of membership Firearms must be rendered temporarily inoperable.	YES Enter details of your principal collecting club membership AND upload a letter of endorsement by your collecting club and proof of membership Firearms must be rendered temporarily inoperable.	YES Enter details of your principal collecting club membership AND upload a letter of endorsement by your collecting club and proof of membership Firearms must be rendered permanently inoperable.	YES Enter details of your principal collecting club membership AND upload a letter of endorsement by your collecting club and proof of membership Firearms must be rendered temporarily inoperable.