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FIREARMS REGISTRY

Interstate residents moving to NSW

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If you hold a firearms licence interstate and you are intending to move to NSW permanently, you must make application for a NSW firearms licence if you wish to continue to possess and use firearms.

This FACT sheet provides information on the legislative requirements and process for obtaining a firearms licence in NSW if you are moving from interstate.

What do I need to do if I am moving permanently to NSW and I hold an interstate firearms licence?

To obtain a NSW Firearms licence you must be a permanent resident of this state or about to become a permanent resident - Section 11 (3)(d) of the Act. (see also Fact Sheet 'Information on Obtaining a Firearms Licence in NSW').

You must notify the NSW Firearms Registry in writing of your intention to move to NSW if you wish to take advantage of the provisions within Section 27 of the *Firearms Act 1996*. This provision recognises your licence for the specified period of time and enables you to obtain a NSW firearms licence without the need to complete further firearms safety training. Your written notification can be in the form of an application for a NSW firearms licence. To take advantage of these provisions, your interstate firearms licence must be current.

You should contact the NSW Firearms Registry to make application for a firearms licence. The application form will be posted to you and you must complete and return the form to the NSW Firearms Registry.

Your application form, when completed and returned, is taken as your notification of intention to reside in NSW. You must send a copy of your current interstate firearms licence and a copy of any firearms registration certificates with your application.

Will I be able to continue to possess and use my category A and B firearms when I move to NSW, prior to my NSW licence being issued?

Yes. If you are a resident of another State or Territory and hold a current interstate firearms licence that is the equivalent of a category A or B NSW firearms licence, you will be able to continue to possess and use your category A & B firearms for 3 months (or until the issue or refusal of your NSW firearms licence).

To take advantage of this provision you must:

- * Notify of your intention to reside in NSW by way of application (or otherwise in writing), and
- * Hold a current interstate firearms licence of the equivalent category, and
- * Provide a copy of your current interstate licence & any registration certificates with your application.

The 3 month period will commence from the time you notified of your intention to move (by way of application or otherwise). You are authorised to possess and use your category A & B firearms for 3 months or until your NSW licence is has been issued, or refused.

Will I be able to continue to possess and use my category C, D & H firearms when I move to NSW, prior to my NSW licence being issued?

Yes. If you are a resident of another State or Territory and hold a current interstate firearms licence that is the equivalent of a category C, D or H NSW firearms licence, you will be able to continue to possess and use your category C, D or H firearms for 7 days.

To take advantage of this provision you must:

- * Notify of your intention to reside in NSW by way of application (or otherwise in writing), and
- * Hold a current interstate firearms licence of the equivalent category, and
- * Provide a copy of your interstate licence & any registration certificates with your application.

The 7 day period will commence from the time you notified the NSW Firearms Registry of your intention to move (by way of application or otherwise).

After the expiry of 7 days, provided you have lodged your application, you are authorised to possess, BUT NOT USE your category C, D & H firearms until your NSW licence is issued.

What happens if I have not applied for a NSW firearms licence within the specified time?

If you do not notify of your intention to move, or if you do not apply for a NSW licence within the specified time, you will not be able to possess or use your firearms in NSW until your NSW firearms licence is issued.

In this case, your firearms must be stored with a Firearms Dealer until your NSW licence is issued.



Will I have to complete a firearms safety training course in NSW ?

Not necessarily. If you have provided written notification of your intention to reside in NSW (or made application for a NSW firearms licence), your interstate licence is recognised in NSW for the specified time and you will not be required to complete a firearms safety training course in NSW.

However, if you have not provided prior written notification, there is no recognition of your interstate licence in NSW and you will be required to complete a firearms safety training course in NSW.

What if I am in possession of Firearms registered interstate ?

If your firearms are registered interstate, you will need to register them in NSW.

Take your firearms to a licensed NSW Firearms Dealer and fill out a 'Register Firearms in possession' P558 form. The prescribed fee for firearm registration in NSW is \$10 per firearm provided your interstate licence is current and firearms are registered to you interstate. The \$10 fee is payable to the Firearms Registry by cheque or money order made out to the Firearms Registry.

The Dealer may also have fees related to registering the firearms in NSW.

What if I am in possession of unregistered firearms or my interstate licence has expired?

If you possess firearms that have not been registered interstate or in NSW, you must take them to a NSW Firearms Dealer for safekeeping.

The Dealer will assist you with registration of the firearms. You will need to obtain a Permit to Acquire for each firearm before the firearms can be registered to you. The prescribed fee for each Permit to Acquire is \$30.

If your interstate firearms licence is not current you will need to obtain a Permit to Acquire for each firearm. The prescribed fee for each Permit is \$30.

[Related Information](#)

See FACT Sheets

'Information on obtaining a firearms licence in NSW',
'Application to undertake a Firearms Safety Training (Longarm) Course',
'Instructions for completing a Firearms Licence Application',
'Permit to Acquire - Longarm P562 Form',
'Permit to Acquire - Handgun P563 Form',
'Safe Storage Level One - Category A & B',
'Safe Storage Level Two - Category C, D & H',
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Firearms Registry

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Where can I find more information?

The information provided in the FACT Sheet is for general guidance only. Applicants and licensees should familiarise themselves with the *Firearms Act 1996* and the *Firearms Regulation 2006*, which are available on the NSW Legislation website - www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.



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