

How to get your QLD Firearms Licence:



Below is a simple step by step process to getting your firearms licence in Queensland –

Note this guide is intended for Cat AB only, Concealable firearms licenses have additional steps dealt with in another guide

Step 1. Genuine Reason

To make an application for a firearms licence you must be able to prove a genuine reason for possessing and using a firearm.

NOTE: Personal protection or the protection of another person does not constitute a genuine reason for possession and use of a firearm.

Additionally, the protection of property does not constitute a genuine reason for possession and use of a firearm, other than for the genuine reason of Business Security Industry.

There are multiple genuine reasons for obtaining a firearms licence.

The most common of those are:

Sport/Target Shooting

Target shooting activities as a club member on an approved target shooting range.

This is the most common genuine reason and is typically met by becoming a member of an approved club like Shooters Union, SSAA or another local shooting club.

This will allow you to apply for a category AB, C or H license. A category H license requires additional steps not covered here

A category C license is only available in very limited circumstances.

For Category AB Licenses a Sport/Target shooting license will also allow you to undertake recreational shooting on rural land (i.e hunting).

Recreational Shooting Rural Land

Hunting and recreational shooting on rural land where the person is the owner/occupier or has permission to shoot from an owner/occupier.

Occupational

A primary producer, employee of a primary producer, pest controller, security guard and commercial fisher.

Military Re-enactment/Historical demonstrations

For members of a historical re-enactment society who undertake such re-enactments.

Firearms Collection

A person who is a member of an approved collectors association who is wishing to collect firearms of a genuine historic, thematic, financial or commemorative value.

Step 2. Book & Complete a Firearms Safety Course

Prior to applying for a firearms licence you will need to complete an approved firearms licence safety training course.

Contact your local SSAA, Shooters Union or Firearm Club for recommendations.

On successful completion you will achieve a Statement of Attainment which must be acted upon within 12 months or it will expire.

Step 3. Fill Out the Online Licence Application with Weapons Licensing

The online application process is the easiest and fastest way of applying for a license.

Go to the URL <https://www.police.qld.gov.au/forms/weaponslicensing.asp>

You will be required to upload :

A scanned copy of your completion certificate from a safety course

Proof of your genuine reason, this is typically a club membership certification or a letter from a landowner giving you written permission to shoot on their property .

You pay for the license at this stage, licenses cost between \$130.15 for a 1 year license to \$420.85 for a 10 year license

Once this has been completed you can submit a Permit to Acquire a firearm using your application reference number.

Doing this saves a month long waiting period when you get your licence.

Step 4 – Attend Police Station

After a period of time Weapons Licensing will send you a notification for you to attend a police station to undertake a confirmation check of your identity. You will be required to bring suitable ID and proof of address.

Step 5 – Safe Storage

You must be able to store any firearms you possess in safe and secure storage as dictated by the Weapons Regulations 2016, essentially this means a safe that generally is required to be bolted down.

Step 6 – Collect Your Firearm

After a few months provided all the checks are ok you will be issued a licence and any PTA you put in for. This means you can finally go and collect your gun as per what you put in for on the PTA