



# INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PERMIT USING FIREARMS IN AUSTRALIA WHAT INTERNATIONAL VISITORS NEED TO KNOW

Some international visitors to Australia use firearms during their stay to participate in competitive sports shooting events and / or safari hunts.

Are you planning to use firearms during your visit to Australia? If yes, you will need to make application for the appropriate permits from Australian police **BEFORE** you arrive.

## **WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?**

If you want to use firearms during your stay in Australia, you need to obtain two permits:

- An international visitors firearms permit (to allow to possess, carry and use firearms during your stay); and
- An import permit (to allow you to bring firearms into the country).

Application should be made to the police of the Australian State or Territory you will be hunting or competing in initially. For example, if you plan to hunt or compete initially in the state of Victoria (even though you may later visit other State/s or Territory), then make application to Victoria Police for both permits.

If you plan to move between different States and Territories thereafter and have a permit in one jurisdiction you may need to obtain an International Visitors Permit from each State / Territory you visit. Check with the respective police as requirements do vary between jurisdictions.

Application forms can be obtained from police in every jurisdiction. Contact numbers are listed over page.

Make sure the application/s is fully and accurately completed. This will ensure your application is processed expediently.

## **WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?**

Make application well in advance of your visit, at least 6 weeks before your arrival. This will ensure that Australian police will have time to process your application and issue your permits. You will require these documents to produce to Customs Officials on arrival in Australia.

## **WHAT WILL I BE ALLOWED TO DO?**

The issued permits will allow the person named in the permit/s to import the specified firearm/s into Australia for the purposes stated on the application. Strict conditions will apply with the permit/s:

- You **WILL** only be allowed to use firearm/s for specified purposes (competitive sports shooting events or safari hunting) as stated in the application;
- You **MUST** comply with all the legislative requirements in respect to firearms in the Australian State/s or Territories you are visiting;
- You **MUST** observe specific storage requirements;
- You **MUST** carry the permit at all times and produce this documentation to Australian police on request; and
- You **MUST** ensure that you take your firearm/s with you out of Australia when you depart.

**Note:** Permits will be issued for the duration of your stay in Australia.

## **WHAT TYPES OF FIREARMS ARE ALLOWED?**

While most common types of firearms can be brought into Australia under a permit, international visitors hunting with a safari company should note that permits will not be issued for the following types of firearms:

- Semi-automatic centre fire rifles;
- High-capacity semi-automatic rim fire rifles or shotguns;
- High-capacity pump-action shotguns;
- Fully-automatic firearms; or
- Handguns (Handguns are permitted only for competitive sports shooting events)

## **INFORMATION AND ADVICE**

Application forms, information and advice are available by contacting the respective Police Firearm Registry;

### **Victorian Firearms Licencing Services**

Phone: 0011 61 3 9247 3785

Facsimile: 0011 61 3 9247 3196

### **New South Wales Firearms Registry**

Phone: 0011 61 2 6670 8590

Facsimile: 0011 61 2 6670 8550

### **ACT Weapons Registry**

Phone: 0011 61 2 6256 7747

Facsimile: 0011 61 2 6245 7259

### **South Australia Firearms Division**

Phone: 0011 61 8 8204 2495

Facsimile: 0011 61 8 8204 2314

### **Queensland Weapons Licencing Branch**

Phone: 0011 61 7 3015 7777

Facsimile: 0011 61 7 3364 4863

### **Western Australia Firearms Branch**

Phone: 0011 61 9 9223 7000

Facsimile: 0011 61 9 9223 7029

### **Northern Territory Firearms Policy and Records Unit**

Phone: 0011 61 8 8922 3543

Facsimile: 0011 61 8 8922 3540

### **Tasmania Police Firearms Registry**

Phone: 0011 61 3 6230 2720

Facsimile: 0011 61 3 6230 2765