



INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PERMIT USING FIREARMS IN AUSTRALIA

WHAT INTERNATIONAL VISITORS NEED TO KNOW

Some international visitors to Australia use firearms during their stay here. International visitors often want firearms so they can participate in competitive sports shooting events and safari hunts.

Are you planning to use firearms during your visit to Australia? If you are, you will need to get special permits from Australian police before you arrive. The following information will help you through the process.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

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

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

To begin the process, apply to the police of the Australian State or Territory you will be hunting in or competing in. For example, if you plan to hunt or compete in the state of Victoria (even though you may later go to another Australian States or Territory), then apply to Victoria Police for both permits.

If you plan to move between different Australian States and Territories and have a permit for safari hunting or a competitive shooting event, then you may need to get a International Visitors Permit from each State and Territory you visit. Check with the police of the relevant State and Territory regarding the requirements applying there.

Application forms for both permits can be obtained from the police of every Australian State or Territory. Contact numbers are listed at the back.

Make sure you fill out the application form completely and accurately. This will ensure your application is processed quickly by Australian police, and will help avoid delays.

WHEN DO I APPLY?

Apply well in advance of your visit, at least 6 weeks before your arrival. This will ensure that Australian police will have time to check your application and to send you your permits. This is important, as you will need to have both permits with you on the day you arrive in Australia.

WHAT WILL I BE ALLOWED TO DO?

When you receive your permits, you will be allowed to import your firearm into Australia and to possess, carry and use your firearm during your stay.

Strict conditions will apply. For example:

- You will only be allowed to use firearms for specific purposes (for competitive sports shooting events or safari hunting);
- You will need to comply with all the other requirements in the firearms laws of the Australian State or Territory you are visiting;
- You will need to observe specific storage requirements;
- You will need to carry the permit at all times and show it to Australian police on request; and
- You will need to ensure that you take your firearm with you out of Australia when you leave.

Note: that 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

For application forms, more information and advice, contact:

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