

## Transitioning to Collector Licence

### Overview to Transition to Collector Licence

- To move to a Collector Licence (Firearms) under the *Firearms Act 2024*, you will need to:
  - Be recognised as a student of arms by Licensing Services.
  - Provide proof that you are a current member of an approved firearm collectors' society.
  - Submit updated evidence of your storage and security arrangements, if required.
  - Ensure none of your licensed firearms are endorsed solely for heirloom value, as this is no longer permitted.
  - Ensure your licence does not include any handguns manufactured within the past 50 years.
  - If you hold handguns or Category C firearms, they must have an endorsement confirming they have Significant Historical Value.
- If they are not yet endorsed, you must provide a written submission explaining their historical significance so Licensing Services can assess them.
- All documents must be emailed to [FirearmsProject@police.wa.gov.au](mailto:FirearmsProject@police.wa.gov.au) with the subject line **Collector Licence Documentation** and your **licence number**.

### Approved Society of Firearm Collectors

- If you are not currently a member of an approved firearm collectors' society, you must join one to remain eligible for a Collector Licence (Firearms).
- The approved societies are:
  - West Australian Military Heritage Society SSAA
  - The Western Australia Arms & Armour Society (Inc.)
  - Historic and Antique Firearm Research Association (Inc.)
  - AllGuns Historical Collectors Society Pty Ltd
  - Western Australian Student of Arms Society (Inc.)

### Heirloom Firearms

- Under the *Firearms Act 2024*, you can no longer hold a firearm on a Collector Licence based solely on its heirloom value.
- If you currently have a firearm licensed with an heirloom endorsement, you must either:
  - Provide information showing the firearm's Significant Commemorative, Historical, or Thematic Value; or
  - Dispose of the firearm.

### Significant Historical Value

- Under the *Firearms Act 2024*, a Collector Licence (Firearms) **cannot** include a **handgun** or **Category C firearm** unless the Commissioner is satisfied that the firearm has *Significant Historical Value*.
- Significant Historical Value means that the firearm has **special significance due to its connection with a particular** period in history.

- Examples include:
  - A firearm used in an assassination or attempted assassination of an important historical figure, where the event had a significant impact on a period of history.
  - Firearms used in a major historical event such as a military conflict, revolution, or period of colonial settlement.

## Firearm Disposal

- If you need to dispose of firearms, you should contact the Licensing Services (Firearms) Team on 1300 894 474.

## Storage and Security

- If your current storage and security arrangements are to be grandfathered, you may need to provide evidence of upgraded storage and security before your licence can be issued.
- If upgraded storage or security is required, you must email your completed Storage Statement to [FirearmsProject@police.wa.gov.au](mailto:FirearmsProject@police.wa.gov.au) and include your licence number in the email.
- You should use the **Storage Matrix** to determine which storage and security requirements apply to you. These requirements depend on the number and type of firearms on your licence, as well as any other firearms registered to your storage location.

		1.) How many firearms do you have?		2.) Is your storage location occupied or unoccupied?			
		<= 5		6 - 15		16 +	
		Occupied	Unoccupied	Occupied	Unoccupied	Occupied	Unoccupied
3.) What categories of firearms do you have?	A & / or B	Grandfathering of existing approved storage (existing licences ONLY) Upgrade to Level 1 upon addition / replacement of firearms. *New applicants	Level 1 (3mm steel body & 6mm steel door)	Level 1	Level 1 + Alarm	Level 1 + Alarm	Level 1 + Alarm + CCTV
	Including any C & / or E6	Grandfathering of existing approved storage (existing licences ONLY) Upgrade to Level 1 upon addition / replacement of firearms. *New applicants	Level 1 + Alarm	Level 1 + Alarm	Level 1 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 1 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 2 + Alarm + CCTV
	Including any H	Grandfathering of existing approved storage (existing licences ONLY) Upgrade to Level 2 (6mm steel body & 10mm steel door) upon addition / replacement of firearms. *New applicants	Level 2 + Alarm	Level 2 + Alarm	Level 2 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 2 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 3 (Grade V Safe) + Alarm + CCTV
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### Note:

Note: Licensing Services is aware that some people may be affected by supply shortages of new firearms cabinets. If this affects you, please contact the Transition Team on 1300 894 474 for assistance.