

Firearms and Acreage

What This Information Sheet Is About

- This information sheet explains how property size (acreage) relates to the types of firearms that may be approved for hunting on private land in Western Australia.
- It is intended to help:
 - individual hunting licence holders, and
 - private property owners who hunt or allow others to hunt on their land,
 - understand how land size, firearm type and hunting permissions work together.

In Short

- You must have a current hunting permission for each firearm listed on your licence.
- Hunting permissions must be issued online by a registered property owner.
- If a hunting permission is cancelled or expires, you have 28 days to replace it.
- Registered properties are generally limited to certain firearm calibres based on property size.
- Property owners who hold a Hunting Licence are not subject to minimum land size limits, but firearm suitability is still assessed.

Hunting Permissions – What They Are and Why They Matter

- If you hold a Hunting Licence, you must have a valid hunting permission for each firearm on your licence.
- A hunting permission:
 - confirms your genuine reason for possessing and using the firearm, and
 - authorises you to hunt lawfully on a specific registered property.
- Standard Hunting Permissions:
 - must be issued by a registered property owner, and
 - are issued through the WA Police Force Firearms Portal.
- If a hunting permission is revoked or expires, you have 28 days to obtain a replacement.
- If you do not, your licence may be suspended, and your firearms may be seized.

Information for Property Owners

Registering Your Property

- If you own or manage private land and want to:
 - hunt on that land, or
 - issue hunting permissions to others.
- you must first register your property through the WA Police Force Firearms Portal.
- Property registration supports safe and lawful firearm use and allows acreage and other relevant factors to be considered.

Firearm Limits Based on Property Size

- Registered properties are generally subject to maximum firearm calibre limits, based on the size of the property.
- These limits are designed to reduce risk and support safe firearm use.
- In some cases, maximum calibre limits may be increased following an assessment of factors such as:
 - property layout and topography,
 - surrounding land use and infrastructure, and
 - other relevant safety considerations.

Property Owners Who Hold a Hunting Licence

- If you are a property owner and hold a Hunting Licence:
- minimum land size thresholds do not automatically apply to you, however
- each firearm application is still assessed to ensure it is suitable for the declared purpose.
- You must still register your property, even if minimum acreage thresholds do not apply.

Minimum Land Size and Firearm Tiers

- The tables below show the minimum land sizes generally associated with different firearm tiers.
- These tables are a guide only and are intended to help explain how firearm suitability is assessed for registered properties.

Table 1 – Minimum Acreage Requirements

Property Size	Firearms generally considered suitable
5 acres	Tier 1 air rifles Tier 1 shotguns Tier 1 rimfire rifles
10 acres	Tier 2 air rifles Tier 2 rimfire rifles
50 acres	Tier 1 centrefire rifles
100 acres	Tier 2 centrefire rifles
300 acres	Tier 3 centrefire rifles

Table 2 - Chambering Tiers

Tier	Category	Popular Chambering Sizes
1	Air Rifle	177 Air, 22 Air
	Shotgun	410 Bore, 16 Gauge, 20 Gauge, 28 Gauge, 12 Gauge
	Rimfire Rifle	17 Mach 2, 22 Short, 22 Long Rifle
	Centrefire Rifle	17 Hornet, 22 Hornet, 30-30 Winchester, 300 Blackout, 32-20 Winchester, 357 Magnum, 38-40 Winchester, 38-55 Winchester, 44-40 Winchester, 45-70 Government, 9mm, 17 Remington, 204 Ruger, 218 Bee, 222 Remington, 223 Remington, 44 Rem Mag
2	Air Rifle	30 Air, 50 Air
	Rimfire Rifle	22 Magnum, 17 HMR, 17 WSM
	Centrefire Rifle	22-250 Remington, 458 Winchester Magnum, 458 Lott, 500 Nitro, 243 Winchester, 308 Winchester, 7mm-08, 6.5 Creedmoor, 7.62 Nato, 303 British, 375 Holland & Holland, 260 Remington
3	Centrefire Rifle	25-06 Remington, 270 Winchester, 30-06 Springfield, 300 Winchester Magnum, 338 Winchester Magnum, 7MM Remington, 300 Remington Ultra Magnum,

Important Reminders

- Property size is one factor only in firearm suitability.
- All firearm applications are assessed on their individual circumstances.
- Registering your property is required before hunting permissions can be issued.
- Holding a Hunting Licence does not remove the need for assessment or approval.

More Information

- To register a property, manage hunting permissions, or apply online, visit:
WA Police Force – Firearms Licensing Services
<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/western-australia-police-force/licensing-services-firearms>

References to Legislation:

Legislation	Relevant Provision
<i>Firearms Act 2024</i>	Sections 39
<i>Firearms Regulations 2024</i>	Regulations 34A-41