

Licence Types

What This Information Sheet Is About

- This information sheet outlines the different firearm licence types available under the Firearms Act 2024.
- It explains the purpose of each licence type and the activities they authorise, to help individuals, businesses, clubs and government entities understand which licence may be appropriate for their circumstances.

Individual Licence

- An **Individual Licence** allows a person to lawfully possess and use firearms for approved purposes.
- A licence can be issued for **one or more purposes**, known as a **multipurpose licence**.
- The approved purposes for an Individual Licence are outlined below.

Competition Shooting

- This licence purpose allows a person to participate in shooting competitions conducted by a licensed firearm club at a licensed firearm range.

Hunting

- This licence purpose allows a person to lawfully hunt animals on land where they have authority to hunt.

Paintball

- This licence purpose allows a person to participate in paintball games conducted by a licensed Paintball Business.

Multipurpose (Individual Licence)

- If you have a licence which has multiple purposes e.g. an Individual Licence which can be licensed for competition, hunting, and paintball, can be referred to as a multi-purpose licence.

Business Licence

- A Business Licence allows a business to possess and use firearms as part of its lawful operations. The type of licence required depends on the activities the business undertakes.
- The business licence types are outlined below.

Security Agent Business Licence

- This licence applies to businesses operating under a security agent's licence, such as cash in transit security services.

Firearms Training Business Licence

- This licence applies to businesses that provide firearms training.

Theatrical Firearm Business Licence

- This licence applies to businesses that provide firearms training and supervision to actors and others involved in theatrical performances, to ensure the safe handling and use of firearms during those performances.

Paintball Business Licence

- This licence applies to businesses that provide facilities and equipment for the conduct of paintball games.

Professional Shooter Business Licence

- This licence applies to businesses that provide services involving the use of a firearm for animal management activities, including:
 - sedation of animals
 - culling
 - euthanasia or other humane destruction of animals

Prescribed Business Licence

- A Prescribed Business Licence applies to additional business types prescribed under the Regulations. These include:
 - Agriculture and aquaculture
 - Events
 - Industrial activities

Primary Producer Licence

- A Primary Producer Licence allows a person to possess and use firearms for primary production activities such as farming or agricultural business.
- This licence is intended for people who use firearms as part of their day-to-day primary production operations.

Collector Licence

- A Collector Licence allows a person to possess firearms and/or ammunition for the purpose of collecting. A licence may authorise collection of firearms, ammunition, or both.

Club Licence

- A Club Licence allows a club to make arrangements for its members to participate in competition shooting or target shooting using firearms.

Range Licence

- A Range Licence allows a person or organisation to operate a firearm range, including a shooting gallery.

Trade Licence

- A Trade Licence can be issued for one or more of the following purposes, allowing a business to undertake the listed activities involving firearms:
 - firearm dealing
 - firearm manufacture
 - firearm repair
 - firearm storage
- If you have a Trade Licence for more than one of those purposes, it is commonly referred to as a multi-purpose licence.
- Firearm storage businesses (previously known as Approved Warehousemen).

Government Entity Licence

- A Government Entity Licence allows a government entity to possess and use firearms for official purposes. This includes entities involved in:
 - law enforcement
 - animal control
 - museums

Term and Renewal of Licence

- Firearm authorities can be granted or renewed for a period of 1, 3 or 5 years.
- The length of the authority is determined at the time it is granted or renewed.

References to Legislation:

Legislation	Relevant Provision
<i>Firearms Act 2024</i>	Sections 26-105, 179
<i>Firearms Regulations 2024</i>	Regulations 18-211

