

## Primary Producer Licence

### What This Information Sheet Is About

- This information sheet explains the key requirements for a Primary Producer Licence.
- It is intended to help people who are applying for, or who already hold, a Primary Producer Licence understand what the licence allows and what responsibilities come with it.

### What Is a Primary Producer Licence?

- A Primary Producer Licence allows you to possess and use firearms as part of a business of primary production.
- The licence applies to firearms used:
  - in the course of your primary production business, and
  - on land you occupy or control for that business.

### When Should I Apply for a Primary Producer Licence?

- You should apply for a Primary Producer Licence if:
  - you operate a business of primary production (for example, farming or pastoral activities),
  - firearms are required as part of that business, and
  - you occupy or control the land where the firearms will be used.

### What Do I Need to Include With My Application?

- Your application must include evidence that shows:
  - you carry on a business of primary production, such as Australian Taxation Office documents showing primary producer tax concessions or deductions, and
  - details of the land where you carry out primary production activities.
- If this is your first firearms licence, you will also be required to complete mandatory firearms training and a firearms health assessment.

### How Many Firearms Can I Have?

- A Primary Producer Licence has a maximum limit of 10 firearms.
- If you also hold other licence types (for example, a Competition Licence), each licence has its own limits and conditions. The numerical limits apply separately to each licence type.

### What Firearms Can Be Licensed?

- A Primary Producer Licence may only apply to firearms in the following categories:
  - Category A
  - Category B
  - Category C
  - Category E
  - Category H

## Are There Restrictions on Certain Firearm Categories?

- Yes. Some firearm categories have specific restrictions.

### **Category E Firearms**

- If your licence includes a Category E firearm, it may only be:
  - a paintball gun, or
  - a tranquiliser gun.
- Paintball guns may only be used to mark animals or trees as part of primary production activities.
- A tranquiliser gun may only be licensed if there is an authorised person on the licence who is legally permitted to administer tranquilising injections to animals under relevant veterinary legislation.

### **Category H Firearms**

- A Primary Producer Licence may apply to one Category H handgun only.
- That handgun must:
  - be a revolver,
  - have a calibre of at least 0.38 inches and not more than 0.45 inches, and
  - have a barrel length of 100 mm or more.
- The handgun may only be used for the humane destruction of cattle, and only when this is incidental to mustering or yarding cattle.

## Who Can Use the Firearms?

- The licence holder may use the firearms for primary production purposes.
- Family members and employees may also possess and use firearms under the licence, but only if they are approved as Authorised Persons.
- To become an Authorised Person, a family member or employee must meet the same requirements that apply to a firearm authority applicant, including mandatory training and health assessments.

## Where Can The Firearms Be Used?

- Firearms licensed under a Primary Producer Licence may be used:
  - on the licence holder's primary production land, and
  - on other primary production land, with permission.
- Firearms may only be used for legitimate primary production purposes.

## Can I Use My Firearm for Hunting?

- Yes. An Individual Primary Producer Licence holder is taken to also hold a Hunting Licence. However, if this is a Business – Primary Producer Licence, then No.
- This means you may use any Category A or B firearm licensed under your Primary Producer Licence for hunting:
  - on your own land, or
  - on other land where you hold a Standard or Temporary Hunting Permission.
- The firearm must be suitable and appropriate for use on the land.

## Additional Major Firearm Parts

- A firearm may be approved to include an additional major firearm part that is interchangeable with a major part of the original firearm.

- Where this occurs:
  - approved configurations are treated as a single firearm, and
  - they are counted as one firearm only for numerical limits.
- For example, a firearm with multiple interchangeable barrels of different calibres is still counted as one firearm.

### References to Legislation:

Legislation	Relevant Provision
<i>Firearms Act 2024</i>	Sections 54-62
<i>Firearms Regulations 2024</i>	Regulations 107-114