

## Business Licences

### What This Information Sheet is About

- This information sheet explains the requirements that apply to Business Licences under the *Firearms Act 2024* and *Firearms Regulations 2024*.
- It includes requirements that apply to all Business Licence types, as well as additional requirements that apply only to particular Business Licence types.
- Licensees and applicants must ensure they comply with all requirements relevant to the type of Business Licence they hold or are applying for.

### What is a Business Licence used for?

- A Business Licence is required for a business that needs to possess or use firearms or ammunition as part of the services it provides.
- This can include, but is not limited to:
  - security services
  - firearms training providers
  - theatrical or film productions
  - paintball venues
  - professional shooters
  - other prescribed business activities.
- Each type of Business Licence has specific conditions that apply to the activities it allows.
- Each type of Business Licence authorises different activities and may be subject to additional requirements, which are outlined later in this information sheet.

### Business Plan

This requirement applies to all Business Licence types.

- Your application must include a business plan.
- The business plan must explain:

#### ***What services you will provide***

- Describe the services your business intends to provide that require the possession or use of firearms or ammunition.

#### ***How much business you expect to do***

- Explain the expected volume of business activity over the proposed term of the licence.
- This may include the number of jobs, clients, or transactions you expect to undertake.

#### ***How you expect to achieve this***

- Provide evidence to support your expectations.
- This may include market research, a marketing plan, and information about your operational or financial arrangements.

## Required Item Information

- For record-keeping purposes, required item information means:
  - Firearms - The serial number of the firearm.
  - Major firearm parts - The serial number on the part, or if there is no serial number, the type of part.
  - Ammunition - The quantity and type of ammunition, and whether the ammunition is live or blank.

## Record-Keeping – Your Ongoing Responsibilities

This requirement applies to all Business Licence types, unless stated otherwise below.

- If you hold a Business Licence, you must keep records about the movement of business firearms, major firearm parts, and ammunition.
- These records must be accurate and kept for the required period.
- **Important Note:** The record-keeping requirements outlined in this section do not apply to Security Agent Business Licences. Security Agent Business Licence holders are subject to separate record-keeping requirements under the Firearms Regulations 2024.

### ***When items are taken out of compliant storage***

- Each time a business firearm, major firearm part, or ammunition is taken out of compliant storage, you must record:
  - the required item information (see “Required item information” below),
  - the name of the person who took the item out,
  - the reason the item was taken out, and
  - the date and time the item was taken out.
- You must keep these records for 5 years, starting on the day after the item is withdrawn from storage.

### ***When items are returned to compliant storage***

- Each time a business firearm, major firearm part, or ammunition is returned to compliant storage, you must record:
  - the required item information (see “Required item information” below),
  - the name of the person who returned the item,
  - the date and time the item was returned, and
  - for ammunition, the reason why the quantity returned is different, if applicable.
- You must keep these records for 5 years, starting on the day after the item is returned to storage.

## Specific Requirements for Specific Business Licence Types

The following requirements apply only to the specified Business Licence types and are in addition to the general requirements set out above.

### **Security Agent Business Licence**

The following requirements apply only to holders of a Security Agent Business Licence.

- Record-keeping requirements
  - The record-keeping requirements outlined in the ***Record-Keeping – Your Ongoing Responsibilities*** section of this information sheet do not apply to Security Agent Business Licences.

- Holders of a Security Agent Business Licence are subject to separate record-keeping requirements under the Firearms Regulations 2024.

### **Firearms Training Business Licence**

The following requirements apply only to holders of a Firearms Training Business Licence.

- Approved training activities
  - A Firearms Training Business Licence authorises the licensee to provide firearms training services only for the purposes approved under the licence.
- Supervision and conduct of training
  - Firearms used in connection with firearms training must be used only in the course of approved training activities and under appropriate supervision.
  - The licensee is responsible for ensuring that firearms training is conducted safely and in accordance with the conditions of the licence.
- Use of firearms for training
  - Firearms possessed under a Firearms Training Business Licence must not be used for purposes outside the scope of approved firearms training activities.

### **Theatrical Firearm Business Licence**

The following requirements apply only to holders of a Theatrical Firearm Business Licence.

- Approved theatrical purposes
  - A Theatrical Firearm Business Licence authorises the possession and use of firearms only for the purposes of theatrical, film, television, or other approved performances.
- Supervision and safety
  - Firearms used in connection with a theatrical performance must be handled and used only under appropriate supervision and in accordance with the conditions of the licence.
  - The licensee is responsible for ensuring the safe handling and use of firearms during rehearsals, performances, and related activities.
- Use of firearms
  - Firearms possessed under a Theatrical Firearm Business Licence must not be used for purposes outside the scope of approved theatrical activities.

### **Paintball Business Licence**

The following requirements apply only to holders of a Business Paintball Licence.

- Approved paintball activities
  - A Business Paintball Licence authorises the possession and use of paintball markers and paintball ammunition only for the purpose of conducting games of paintball at an approved venue.
- Use of paintball markers and ammunition
  - Paintball markers and paintball ammunition possessed under a Business Paintball Licence must be used only in connection with approved paintball activities.
  - Paintball markers and paintball ammunition must not be used for any purpose outside the scope of the approved paintball business.

- Supervision and safety
  - The licensee is responsible for ensuring that paintball activities are conducted safely and in accordance with the conditions of the licence.
- **Please also see the [Business Paintball Licence](#) for more information.**

### **Business Professional Shooter Licence**

The following requirements apply only to holders of a Business Professional Shooter Licence.

- Approved professional shooting activities
  - A Business Professional Shooter Licence authorises the possession and use of firearms only for the purposes approved under the licence, including the culling, euthanasia, sedation, or other humane destruction of animals by means of a firearm.
- Use of firearms
  - Firearms possessed under a Business Professional Shooter Licence must be used only in connection with approved professional shooting activities.
  - Firearms must not be used for purposes outside the scope of the approved professional shooting business.
- Conduct of activities
  - The licensee is responsible for ensuring that professional shooting activities are conducted safely and in accordance with the conditions of the licence.

### **Prescribed Business Licences**

*(Agriculture, Aquaculture, Events, Industrial)*

The following requirements apply only to holders of a Prescribed Business Licence.

- Approved prescribed business activities
  - A Prescribed Business Licence authorises the possession and use of firearms only for the prescribed business purpose approved under the licence, such as agriculture, aquaculture, events, or industrial activities.
- Scope of authorised use
  - Firearms possessed under a Prescribed Business Licence must be used only in connection with the approved prescribed business activities.
  - Firearms must not be used for purposes outside the scope of the approved prescribed business purpose.
- Conditions and limitations
  - Additional conditions may be imposed on a Prescribed Business Licence depending on the nature of the approved business activity.
  - The licensee is responsible for ensuring that all use of firearms is carried out in accordance with the conditions of the licence.

### **References to Legislation:**

<b>Legislation</b>	<b>Relevant Provision</b>
<b><i>Firearms Act 2024</i></b>	Sections 43-53
<b><i>Firearms Regulations 2024</i></b>	Regulations 44-48 and 51