

Firearm Safety Training Course

Who Needs to Complete the Firearm Safety Training Course?

- If you are applying for a firearm authority for the first time, you must complete the Firearm Safety Training Course as part of your application.
- A firearm authority includes a licence, permit, or approval.
- You must successfully complete all parts of the course before the Commissioner can grant your firearm authority.

What is the Firearm Safety Training Course?

- The Firearm Safety Training Course is designed to ensure applicants understand their legal responsibilities and can safely handle a firearm.
- The course has two parts, both of which must be completed successfully:

Part 1 – Theory

- This is an online course and assessment delivered by Central Regional TAFE (CRTAFE). It covers legislative requirements and firearm safety principles.
- For more information about the theory training course, please review the [TAFE questions and answers \(Q&A\) information sheet](#).

Part 2 – Practical

- This is an in-person training and assessment conducted by a licensed firearms dealer or another approved firearms trainer.
- The course covers topics such as:
 - firearm safety and safe handling
 - legal obligations under the *Firearms Act 2024* and *Firearms Regulations 2024*
 - responsibilities of firearm authority holders

How Often Do I Need to Complete the Firearm Safety Training Course?

- You only need to complete the Firearm Safety Training Course once when applying for a firearm authority.
- You will need to complete the course again if your firearm authority is cancelled or has lapsed for more than three years and you later apply for a new firearm authority.
- This requirement ensures applicants continue to meet current safety and legal obligations under the *Firearms Act 2024* and *Firearms Regulations 2024*.

Are There Fees Associated with Training?

- Yes. You will need to pay fees to complete the Firearm Safety Training Course.

Part 1 – Theory

- The theory component is delivered by CRTAFE, which sets the fee for this part of the course.

Part 2 – Practical

- The practical component is delivered by approved firearms trainers, who each set their own fees.

- All fees are paid directly to the training provider. WA Police does not set or receive any fees for either the theory or practical firearms training.

Approved Practical Firearms Trainers

- Approved practical firearms trainers may include **authorised persons operating under certain licence types**, including:
 - Club licences
 - Range licences
 - Firearms dealer licences
 - Firearms training business licences
 - Prescribed business licences (for agriculture or aquaculture)
 - Government entity licences (for animal control or law enforcement)
 - Theatrical business licences
- An approved practical firearms trainer can:
 - deliver the practical training and assessment, and
 - confirm whether you have successfully completed the practical component of the course.
- You must complete the practical training with an approved practical firearms trainer for it to count towards your firearm authority application.
- A list of approved practical firearms trainer providers is available in the [Approved Practical Firearms Trainer Provider information sheet](#).

Conditions And Requirements

Declaration

- Before starting the practical training, you must make a declaration confirming that you are not a disqualified person or prohibited person.
- The declaration:
 - must be completed no earlier than one day before the training, and
 - is only valid for seven days if the training is not completed.
- If the trainee is under 18 years of age, the declaration must be completed by a parent or legal guardian.
- It is an offence to knowingly make a declaration that is false or misleading.

Record Keeping

- The approved practical firearms trainer must record certain details about the training, including:
 - your name and date of birth
 - whether you successfully completed or failed the course
 - your firearm authority number (if you already hold one), or
 - your application number (if you are applying for a firearm authority)
- These records are kept by the training provider and are not something you need to submit yourself.

References to Legislation:

Legislation	Relevant Provision
<i>Firearms Act 2024</i>	Sections 24, 166
<i>Firearms Regulations 2024</i>	Regulations 93(2)(b), 194(2)(c), 211(1)(c), 245, 246