



INFORMATION SHEET

PRIMARY PRODUCER LICENCE

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Purpose (s.54 Firearms Act 2024).

A Primary Producer Licence is for the purpose of primary production activities in the course of a business of primary production carried out by the person on land occupied by the person.

Requirements (r.108 Firearms Regulations 2024).

The application for a Primary Producer Licence must include the following:

- Evidence that demonstrates that the applicant carries on business of primary production, including, for example, evidence from the Australian Taxation Office that the person received tax concessions or deductions as a primary producer.
- Details of the land holding on which the applicant engages in primary production activities. This is done by registering the land via the new online portal.

Restrictions - Category E (r.109-111 Firearms Regulations 2024).

Where a Primary Producer Licence relates to a Category E firearm, it can only be a paintball gun or a tranquiliser gun.

- A Paintball gun is limited to use for the purpose of marking animals or trees to identify them as part of primary production activities.
- A Tranquiliser gun can only be issued under a Primary Producer Licence if the regulator is satisfied that there will be an authorised person for the licence who can lawfully administer a tranquiliser by injection to an animal under the *Veterinary Practice Act 2021*.

Restrictions - Category H (r.112-113 Firearms Regulations 2024).

- A Primary Producer Licence can only apply to **one** Category H handgun.
- The handgun must be a revolver that has a calibre of at least 0.38 inches but not more than 0.45 inches, and a barrel length of 100mm or more.
- The handgun is limited to use for the purpose of the humane destruction of cattle, incidental to the mustering or yarding of cattle.

Authorised Persons (s.59 Firearms Act 2024).

Family members and employees of the Primary Producer Licence holder need to become Authorised Persons under the licence to be able to possess and use the firearms.

To become an Authorised Person, the family member or employee must undertake all the requirements of a firearm authority applicant including health assessments, training etc.

Using the firearms for other primary production purposes (s.60(c) Firearms Act 2024).

Firearms licensed under a Primary Producer Licence can be used by the licence holder, and authorised persons for the licence for primary production purposes on the licence holders land, and any other primary production land with permission.

Hunting use (s.61 Firearms Act 2024, r.121 Firearms Regulations 2024).

A Primary Producer Licence holder is taken to hold a Hunting Licence. This means that the Primary Producer Licence holder can use any category A or B firearm under their Primary Producer's licence for hunting on their land, or any other land they have a Standard or Temporary Hunting Permission for. The firearm must be suitable and appropriate for use on the land.

Numerical limit (s.58(3) Firearms Act 2024).

A Primary Producer Licence has a maximum numerical limit of 10.

A Primary Producer Licence holder can also apply for other licence types such as a Competition Licence. This would allow them to potentially possess up to 20 firearms.

Approval for additional major firearm part for firearm (s.107(3)(d) Firearms Act 2024).

A firearm (the original firearm) can be approved as including an additional major firearm part (an approved additional part) that is interchangeable with a major firearm part of the original firearm.

When a firearm is approved as including an additional firearm part – approved configurations that are treated as separate firearms to which a licence applies are not counted as separate firearms when counting the number of firearms to which the licence applies. For example, a firearm that has multiple barrels, even if the barrels are of a different calibre, is only counted as one firearm for the numerical limits.

Firearms permitted for Primary Product Licence (*s.58 Firearms Act 2024*).

A Primary Producer Licence can only apply to a firearm of category A, B, C, E or H.