

INFORMATION SHEET- TRANSITIONING

Transition to Collector Licence



Transitioning to a Collector Licence

To transition to a Collector Licence (Firearms) under the *Firearms Act 2024*, you will need to:

- Ensure that you have been deemed a student of arms by Licensing Services.
- Provide evidence that you are a current member of an approved society of firearm collectors.
- Provide updated security and storage evidence (if required).
- Ensure that your licence does not relate to any firearms licensed for their heirloom value (see below for more details).
- Ensure that your licence does not relate to any handguns manufactured within the last 50 years.
- If the licence relates to handguns or Category C firearms, then they must bear an endorsement for Significant Historical Value. If this has not yet been done, then you must provide a submission detailing the historical value of the firearm so it can be evaluated (see below for more detail).

All documents should be emailed to FirearmsProject@police.wa.gov.au with the subject line **Collector Licence Documentation** and your **licence number**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Approved Society of Firearm Collectors

If you're not currently a member of an approved society of firearm collectors, you will need to become one to remain eligible for a Collector Licence (Firearms). There are currently several approved societies of firearms collectors:

- West Australian Military Heritage Society SSAA
- The Western Australia Arms & Armour Society (Inc.)
- Historic and Antique Firearm Research Association (Inc.)
- AllGuns Historical Collectors Society Pty Ltd
- Western Australian Student of Arms Society Incorporated

Heirloom Firearms

Under the *Firearms Act 2024* there is no longer provision for licensing a firearm under a Collector Licence due to heirloom value.

If you're currently licensed to any firearm that's endorsed for heirloom value, then you must either:

- Provide information as to the firearm's Significant Commemorative, Historical, or Thematic Value; or
- Dispose of the firearm.

	1.) How many firearms do you have?	2.) Is your storage location occupied or unoccupied?					
3.) What categories of firearms do you have?	Category	<div>< = 5</div> <div>6 - 15</div> <div>16 +</div>					
		OccupiedUnoccupiedOccupiedUnoccupiedOccupiedUnoccupied					
	A & / or B	Grandfathering of existing approved storage (existing licences ONLY)	Level 1 (3mm steel body & 6mm steel door)	Level 1	Level 1 + Alarm	Level 1 + Alarm	Level 1 + Alarm + CCTV
		Upgrade to Level 1 upon addition / replacement of firearms. *New applicants					
	Including any C & / or E6	Grandfathering of existing approved storage (existing licences ONLY)	Level 1 + Alarm	Level 1 + Alarm	Level 1 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 1 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 2 + Alarm + CCTV
		Upgrade to Level 1 upon addition / replacement of firearms. *New applicants					
	Including any H	Grandfathering of existing approved storage (existing licences ONLY)	Level 2 + Alarm	Level 2 + Alarm	Level 2 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 2 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 3 (Grade V Safe) + Alarm + CCTV
		Upgrade to Level 2 (6mm steel body & 10mm steel door) upon addition / replacement of firearms. *New applicants					
	E (other than E6)	Grandfathering of existing approved storage (existing licences ONLY)	Grandfathering of existing approved storage (existing licences ONLY)	Grandfathering of existing approved storage (existing licences ONLY)	Grandfathering of existing approved storage (existing licences ONLY)	Grandfathering of existing approved storage (existing licences ONLY)	Grandfathering of existing approved storage (existing licences ONLY)
		Upgrade to Level 1 upon addition / replacement of firearms. *New applicants					

Note:

Licensing Services is aware that some people may be impacted by supply shortages with respect to new firearms cabinets.

If you are impacted by this, please contact our Transition Team on 1300 894 474 for assistance.