



FIREARMS REGISTRY

Temporary Exemption Application

P 581

It is an offence in NSW for a person to possess or use a firearm without the authority of a licence or permit.

This FACT sheet provides information on obtaining a temporary exemption to possess and use firearms while under supervision at your club.

What is a Temporary Exemption?

For new club members there is an exemption, called a temporary exemption, which allows a new club member to possess and use a firearm whilst under supervision at a range, prior to obtaining a firearms licence.

The temporary exemption is issued for a limited time to permit new club members to try out shooting without holding a firearms licence, to see if they would like to continue in the sport.

How long does a temporary exemption remain valid?

A temporary club exemption is granted for a period of 3 months and begins on the first occasion the person participates in target shooting at an approved range.

If application for a firearms licence is made prior to the expiry of the temporary exemption, the exemption continues until the licence is granted or refused.

An exemption may only be granted once for each firearm type in relation to a particular person.

What types of firearms apply to a temporary exemption?

Category A, B & H only.

How do I apply for a Temporary Exemption?

To apply the person must obtain a "New Club Members - Application for Temporary Exemption" P581 form. You can get this form from the club or print the form from the Firearms Registry Internet site.

Completing the form?

The applicant must complete and sign the form. The club official will complete Section E - Certification by club official.

The applicant will need to provide proof of identity to the club official. See over for proof of Identity documents.

The 'Last Name' & 'Given Names' box should show your full legal name. This should be the name on your birth certificate, marriage certificate, change of name certificate or Passport. Do not use a nickname or a shortened version of your name.

Insert your NSW drivers Licence number, if held.

Complete the contact details including business phone number, mobile phone number and email address.

List any other names by which you have been known and supply details.

What do I do with the form when it is complete?

The form should be returned to club upon completion. The P581 form is then returned to the Firearms Registry by the club.

The Firearms Registry notifies the club if the application is approved or not approved. The approval process may take up to 14 days. If there is a delay in excess of 14 days, the club will be notified in writing.

When can I shoot?

After approval of the exemption, the person may possess and use a firearm without the authority of a firearms licence while under supervision at an approved range.

The applicant is NOT authorised to possess and use a firearm until written approval of the temporary exemption is received by the club from the Firearms Registry.

What if I am under 18 years of age?

A minor (12 - 18 years) may apply for a temporary exemption to shoot at the club as a new (junior) club member.

The minor must complete the P581 form and sign Section G - Declaration.

The club official will complete Section E - Certification by club Official.

The parent/legal guardian must complete Section H of the form and give consent for the minor to participate in approved target shooting activities conducted at the club nominated on the form.

Proof of Identity must be supplied to the club official by both the parent/legal guardian AND the applicant.

The legal guardian (other than the parent) must provide proof of legal guardianship status.

What do I need for proof of ID?

All applicants must supply documents to the club official as proof of ID. The club official will sight these documents and must be satisfied of the identity of the applicant.

Minor AND parent/legal guardian must supply proof of Identity.

Proof of ID documents for the purpose of a temporary exemption:

Birth certificate, or
Passport, or
Firearms Licence, or
Security Licence, or
Drivers Licence.

A legal guardian for a minor must provide proof of legal guardianship status.

Legal guardianship status can be confirmed by court documents, a letter from a solicitor or other official documentation.

Firearms Registry

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Where can I find more information?

The information provided in the FACT Sheet is for general guidance only. Applicants and licensees should familiarise themselves with the *Firearms Act 1996* and the *Firearms Regulation 2006*, which are available on the NSW Legislation website - www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.



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