INFORMATION FOR FIREARMS DEALERS

Advice from Tasmania Police on How to Establish Your Business

Step One – Attend *Service Tasmania* to complete application form

*Application for Firearms Dealer’s Licence*

Required to provide 100 points identification

Required to provide business name (ABN) and business plan demonstrating the applicant’s intention to carry on a business (including intended clientele etc.)

Required to provide a ‘business management declaration’ under the *Firearms Act 1996 s.93A* in relation to the applicant having primary responsibility for the management of the business, and declaration of close associates

Workplace Standards Tasmania permit to enable sale and storage of ammunition

Qualifications relevant to ‘repair’ and/or ‘manufacture’

Council permit authorising you to establish a business at the proposed address

Cost of application: $453.00 (3 years)

Step Two – Processing

*What we will do*

*What you need to do*

 We will assess your application against the requirements of the *Firearms Act 1996*

Assuming all requirements are met, usually within two weeks, we will write to you granting authority for you to enrol in the *TasTAFE Firearms Safety Training Course*

We will conduct an inspection of your storage premises to ensure they comply with the security and safekeeping requirements of *the Firearms Act 1996*

Following an Applicant Interview, Inspecting Officers will provide a report to Firearms Services, which does not object to the application.

No cost is associated with this process

 Once you receive the letter granting you authority to undertake the *Firearms Safety Training Course,* you have six months to contact TasTAFE to ascertain the next available course dates and enrol

You must pay the course fee to TasTAFE

You will not be required to undertake the course if you already have a firearms licence for the appropriate categories you have applied for in your Firearms Dealer’s Licence Application

Cost of TasTAFE Firearms Safety Training Course: $290



Step Three – Granting your Firearms Dealer’s Licence

*Once Firearms Services is notified of your successful completion of the Firearms Safety Course*

You will be issued with an authority to re-attend *Service Tasmania* to have your photograph taken for your firearms dealer’s licence.

Firearms Services will provide you with a Statutory Declaration in relation to your responsibilities as a firearms dealer as set out in the *Firearms Act 1996.* You must familiarise yourself with the requirements, fill in and sign the Statutory Declaration and return it to Firearms Services to be kept on your file.

Once this is done, you will be able to …

Other Things You Should Know

Application and licence costs were correct at the date of this publication, but are subject to change and indexation.

Additional conditions or restrictions may be imposed on permits and/or licences.

This publication provides a brief overview only and it is highly recommended you contact Firearms Services to confirm all obligations and requirements.

Additional Information and Contacts

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| Firearms Services | [www.police.tas.gov.au](http://www.police.tas.gov.au) | 03 6173 2720 |
| TasTAFE | [www.tastafe.tas.edu.au](http://www.tastafe.tas.edu.au) | 1300 655 307 |
| Service Tasmania | [www.service.tas.gov.au](http://www.service.tas.gov.au) | 1300 13 55 13 |
| Local Government | [www.lgat.tas.gov.au](http://www.lgat.tas.gov.au) |  |
| Legislation | www.thelaw.tas.gov.au |  |

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Important Information Relating To Your Obligations And Responsibilities As A Firearms Dealer Under The Tasmanian *Firearms Act 1996*

**3. Interpretation**

In this Act –

***air pistol*** means a pistol that propels, or is capable of propelling, a projectile by means of compressed gas or air;

***air rifle*** means a firearm that propels, or is capable of propelling, a projectile by means of compressed gas or air;

***ammunition*** means –

**(a)** anything consisting of a cartridge case fitted with a primer and a projectile; or

**(b)** anything consisting of a cartridge case fitted with primer material and containing both a propelling charge and a projectile; or

**(c)** any blankfire cartridge, airgun pellet, training cartridge or gas cartridge; or

**(d)** any explosive component of ammunition; or

**(e)** any other prescribed article;

***deal***, in relation to a firearm, means to –

**(a)** manufacture, buy or sell firearms and firearm parts; or

**(b)** possess firearms and firearm parts for the purpose of sale, transfer, storage or testing; or

**(c)** possess firearm parts for the purpose of manufacturing firearms; or

**(d)** possess firearms and firearm parts for the purpose of repair in the ordinary course of business; or

**(e)** sell ammunition;

***dealings record means a record kept under*** [***Section 89***](http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au/tocview/content.w3p;cond=all;doc_id=23%2B%2B1996%2BGS89%40EN%2B20151027000000;histon=;inforequest=;prompt=;rec=115;term=dealer#GS89@EN)***;***

***employment, with a firearms*** ***dealer, includes engagement under a contract for services;***

***firearm means –***

**(a)** a gun or other weapon that is capable of propelling anything wholly or partly by means of an explosive; and

**(b)** a blankfire firearm; and

**(c)** an air rifle; and

**(d)** an air pistol; and

**(e)** an imitation firearm, other than a toy; and

**(f)** any other prescribed thing; and

**(g)** any thing that would be a firearm under [paragraph (a)](http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au/tocview/content.w3p;cond=all;doc_id=23%2B%2B1996%2BGS3%40Nd16%40Hpa%40EN%2B20151027000000;histon=;inforequest=;prompt=;rec=4;term=dealer#GS3@Nd16@Hpa@EN), [(b)](http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au/tocview/content.w3p;cond=all;doc_id=23%2B%2B1996%2BGS3%40Nd16%40Hpb%40EN%2B20151027000000;histon=;inforequest=;prompt=;rec=4;term=dealer#GS3@Nd16@Hpb@EN), [(c)](http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au/tocview/content.w3p;cond=all;doc_id=23%2B%2B1996%2BGS3%40Nd16%40Hpc%40EN%2B20151027000000;histon=;inforequest=;prompt=;rec=4;term=dealer#GS3@Nd16@Hpc@EN) or [(d)](http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au/tocview/content.w3p;cond=all;doc_id=23%2B%2B1996%2BGS3%40Nd16%40Hpd%40EN%2B20151027000000;histon=;inforequest=;prompt=;rec=4;term=dealer#GS3@Nd16@Hpd@EN) if it did not have something missing from it or a defect or obstruction in it;

***pistol*** means a firearm that –

**(a)** is reasonably capable of being raised and fired by one hand; and

**(b)** has an overall length not exceeding 65cm;

***possession includes custody or control;***

***prohibited firearm means a firearm specified in*** [***Schedule 1***](http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au/tocview/content.w3p;cond=all;doc_id=23%2B%2B1996%2BJS1%40EN%2B20151027000000;histon=;inforequest=;prompt=;rec=209;term=dealer#JS1@EN)***;***

***prohibited pistol*** means a pistol prescribed as a prohibited pistol in the regulations;

*Interpretation continued…*

*Terminology*

*…Interpretation continued*

***register*** means the register of firearms referred to in [section 83](http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au/tocview/content.w3p;cond=all;doc_id=23%2B%2B1996%2BGS83%40EN%2B20151027000000;histon=;inforequest=;prompt=;rec=105;term=dealer#GS83@EN);

***registered*** means registered under this Act;

***sell*** includes –

**(a)** dispose of for valuable consideration; and

**(b)** barter; and

**(c)** dispose of to an agent for sale on consignment; and

**(d)** offer or attempt to sell; and

**(e)** receive or have in possession for sale; and

**(f)** expose for sale; and

**(g)** send or deliver for sale; and

**(h)** cause or permit to be sold, as offered or exposed for sale; and

**(i)** dispose of by way of raffle, lottery or other game of chance;

***use***, in relation to a firearm, means –

**(a)** fire the firearm; or

**(b)** hold it so as to cause a reasonable belief that it will be fired, whether or not it is capable of being fired.

*Firearms Act 1996 – relevant Sections*

***29A.*** *Restriction on granting firearm dealer licence*

***PART 6 –***

***89.*** *Record of dealings*

***90.*** *Production of information and firearms*

***91.*** *Alteration of dealings record*

***92.*** *Ceasing to hold licence*

***93.*** *Quarterly returns*

***93A.*** *Business management declarations*

***94.*** *Labelling*

***95.*** *Loss, theft or destruction of firearm*

***96.*** *Particulars relating to firearms*

***96A.*** *Employment restrictions*

***97.*** *Display*

***98.*** *Repair*

***99.*** *Safekeeping of records*

***99A.*** *Licence to be cancelled in certain circumstances*

***100.*** *Mailing firearms and ammunition within the State*

***101.*** *Mailing firearms outside the State*

***139.*** *Firearms Dealer’s premises*