

Interstate / International Licences – visitors and change of residence

This information sheet explains the requirements when licence holders wish to move to or from Tasmania, or travel to Tasmania for competition shooting.

Coming to Tasmania for a firearms related event?

A person does not require a Category A, B or H firearms licence issued under the Tasmanian *Firearms Act 1996* (the Act) if they:

- live in another State or Territory; and
- hold a **corresponding licence**; and
- are participating in an approved shooting competition in Tasmania or any other purpose approved by the Commissioner.

To check whether a shooting competition or other purpose has been approved, contact Firearms Services, Tasmania.

A licence is a 'corresponding licence' if it:

- was issued under the law of another Australian State or Territory that, in the opinion of the Commissioner, corresponds to a licence under the Act; and
- is in force (i.e. has not been cancelled, suspended or expired).

If a person is unsure whether they hold a corresponding licence, they should contact Firearms Services, Tasmania.

Moving to Tasmania from elsewhere in Australia

Under Section 56 of the Act:

- if a resident of another State or Territory holds a corresponding Category A firearms licence, and notifies the Commissioner in writing that they intend to live in Tasmania, then their interstate Category A licence is taken to be a Tasmanian licence for 3 months from the date of the notification.
- if a resident of another State or Territory holds a corresponding Category B firearms licence, and notified the Commissioner in writing that they intend to live in Tasmania, then their interstate Category B licence is taken to be a Tasmanian licence for 3 months from the date of the notification.
- if a resident of another State or Territory holds a corresponding Category C firearms licence, and notifies the Commissioner in writing that they intend to live in Tasmania, then their interstate Category C licence is taken to be a Tasmanian licence for 7 days from the date of the notification.
- if a resident of another State or Territory holds a corresponding Category D firearms licence, and notifies the Commissioner in writing that they intend to live in Tasmania, then their interstate Category D licence is taken to be a Tasmanian licence for 7 days from the date of notification.





v. if a resident of another State or Territory holds a corresponding Category H firearms licence, and notifies the Commissioner in writing that they intend to live in Tasmania, then their interstate Category H licence is taken to be a Tasmanian licence for 7 days from the date of notification.

NOTE: A person must not use or possess a firearm in Tasmania under the authority of their corresponding licence, unless they have notified the Commissioner about their intended relocation under Section 56.

NOTE: Because the relevant period of time runs from the date of the notification, and not from the arrival date in Tasmania, it is recommended that the holders of corresponding licences give notifications to the Commissioner as close to their moving date as possible.

Storage requirements.

As soon as a person arrives in Tasmania, they must store any firearms in their possession in accordance with the Tasmanian storage requirements (**See Information Sheets 25,26 and 27 for relevant category**) and must convey any firearms in accordance with the Tasmanian requirements for conveying firearms (**See Information Sheet 29 – Conveying Firearms and Ammunition and Information Sheet 30 – Conveying Prohibited Firearms**).

If a person moves to Tasmania from another State or Territory and does not have compliant storage arrangements, Firearms Services suggest they contact a licenced firearms dealer who may be prepared to store their firearms, for a fee.

When can or should you apply for a Tasmanian licence?

A person can apply for a Tasmanian licence at any time.

A person can only rely upon their corresponding licence as outlined above.

If a person's corresponding A & B licence expires within the 3 months period after the Commissioner is notified of their move to Tasmania, then they will be unlicensed (unless they have applied and been granted a Tasmanian licence in the meantime).

If a person's corresponding C, D or H licence expires within the 7 days after the Commissioner is notified of their move to Tasmania, then they will be unlicensed (unless they have applied and been granted a Tasmanian licence in the meantime).

If a corresponding licence expires before the holder moves to Tasmania, it will not be taken to be a Tasmanian licence and the person will be unlicensed.

Moving from overseas with firearms?

Firearms Licences are issued in other Countries are not recognised under the Act.

If a person wants to bring firearms with them from another country when moving to live in Tasmania, they should contact the Australian Border Force.

The Australian Border Force can provide information on customs and importation requirements, including which forms need to be completed.

Generally, persons seeking to import firearms need to complete a **“B709: Form for Importation of Firearms – Police Confirmation & Certification”**. Completed B709 forms are provided to Tasmania Police for certification. Tasmania Police will check that the firearms sought to be imported are able to be possessed legally in Tasmania.

A person moving from overseas can apply for a Tasmanian Firearms Licence at any time.

If an application for a Firearms Licence has not been finalised by the time the applicant's firearms are imported, the firearms can be held at Customs, or stored with a licensed firearms dealer until the person is authorised to possess them in Tasmania.

Once a firearm is imported, a licensed firearms dealer will be able to assist with registering it in Tasmania.

Moving or surrendering your Firearms Licence

A licence holder is required under the Act, to notify Firearms Services of any changes of residential address within 14 days after the change. This includes when a licence holder moves interstate.

For licence holders who wish to retain possession of their firearms after they move, contact the firearms registry, or other regulatory body, in the State or Territory where they are moving to check on the requirements. A Tasmanian Firearms Licence may be recognised interstate.

If licence holders wish to take their firearms out of the country, they should contact the Australian Border Force.

If a licence holder wishes to surrender their Tasmanian Firearms Licence because they are moving interstate, they can do so by written notice to Firearms Services. The licence and any firearms, ammunition or firearms parts will then need to be surrendered immediately.

Transporting Firearms

No person can send firearms, firearms parts or ammunition or receive them by mail, unless they are a firearms dealer.

A person can arrange for a transport company to transport firearms, firearm parts and ammunition for them.

A licence holder can bring firearms, firearms parts or ammunition into Tasmania, in person, on either a plane or boat. Different air carriers and maritime transport companies have different rules in relation to the transportation of firearms and ammunition. Be sure to contact the relevant airline or maritime transport company to confirm their policy and notify them of your intention to transport firearms.

When any firearms, firearms parts or ammunition are being conveyed, a person must comply with the Prescribed Regulations (See Information Sheet 29 – Conveying Firearms & Ammunition and Information Sheet 30 – Conveying Prohibited Firearms).

