

## Genuine Reason 2 – Recreational Hunting or Vermin Control

**Note:** This information sheet does not constitute legal advice and is for general information purposes only. Applicants and licensees are required to understand and comply with the *Firearms Act 1996* (“the Act”) and associated Regulations, which are available on the Tasmanian legislation website – [www.legislation.tas.gov.au](http://www.legislation.tas.gov.au). This document was prepared in April 2023 based on the relevant legislation at that time.

A person needs to have a ‘genuine reason’ to possess or use a firearm to apply for a firearms licence. This information sheet explains how to apply for a firearms licence for the purpose of recreational hunting or vermin control.

### What categories of licence are available for recreational hunting or vermin control?

See *Information Sheet 3 Firearms Licence Categories* for more detail.

- Category A and/or Category B licence.

### What documents are required to apply for a firearms licence for the purpose of recreational hunting or vermin control?

Applicants must provide a document giving permission to shoot a type of animal or vermin specified in the document on land specified in the document from the owner or occupier of the land, the Director of National Parks and Wildlife or the chief executive officer of the Forestry corporation.

#### Category B:

The Applicant is also required to provide evidence to the Commissioner of Police’s (the Commissioner) satisfaction that there is a need for the person to possess or use a firearm of the category to which the application relates.

### Additional authority relating to use (Section 23 of the Act):

A licence issued for the genuine reason of recreational hunting or vermin control authorises the holder to use a firearm on land not specified in the application for that licence if the holder provides the Commissioner (if required to do so) with a document from the owner or occupier of that land giving permission to shoot on that land.

The holder of the licence must provide the Commissioner with that document within seven days after being required to do so.



## Vermin:

Vermin are vertebrate pest animals including rats, rabbits and feral cats. For more information in relation to vermin contact the Department of Natural Resources and Environment ("the DNRE") <https://nre.tas.gov.au/>.

## Important note:

A licence or permit from the DNRE is usually **also** required for activities involving shooting animals. Contact the DNRE for further information <https://nre.tas.gov.au/>.



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