



**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 February 2024 based on the relevant legislation at that time.

The possession and use of ammunition is regulated by the Act. This information sheet explains the rules for possessing ammunition in Tasmania.

### What is 'ammunition'?

The Act defines ammunition as:

- anything consisting of a cartridge case fitted with a primer and a projectile
- anything consisting of a cartridge case fitted with primer material and containing both a propelling charge and a projectile
- any blankfire cartridge, airgun pellet, training cartridge or gas cartridge
- any explosive component of ammunition
- seal control caps
- paintball pellets.

### General Ammunition Information

- Pursuant to the Act, a person cannot possess ammunition unless they hold:
  - a licence for a firearm which takes that ammunition, or
  - is an ammunition collector and is authorised by the Commissioner to possess that ammunition
  - See *Firearms Regulations 2016*, Section 9 and 14.
- A person must not sell or supply ammunition, unless they are a firearms dealer, an employee of a firearms dealer or authorised by the Commissioner in writing to sell or supply the ammunition.
- Ammunition must be stored in a locked container of an approved type that is kept separate from the receptacle containing the firearm.
- Ammunition must be conveyed:
  - in a closed container, completely separate from the firearm, and
  - magazines are not to contain ammunition.
- A licence authorising the holder to possess firearms for the purpose of a firearms collection, must not possess any ammunition for any firearm in the collection unless it is stored in the prescribed manner.

- A person must not send to or receive any ammunition by mail to an address in Tasmania.

Note: There are specific sections in the Act in relation to firearms dealer licence holders mailing ammunition (See: S100(6) and S101 of the Act generally)

- A person must not advertise the sale of ammunition, unless the person is a licensed firearms dealer or the proposed sale is arranged by or through a licensed firearms dealer.

## FAQ (frequently asked questions)

How much ammunition can a licence holder have?

- Pursuant to Section 46(f) of *the Act* a licence holder must not possess, at any time, any amount of ammunition that exceeds the prescribed amount without written authorisation.
- Section 13 of the *Firearms Regulations 2016* states that the prescribed amount of ammunition is determined having regard to:
  - The amount of ammunition that the licence holder reasonably requires for the firearm to which the licence relates and the genuine reason for which the licence was issued.

Can a person order ammunition over the phone or internet and get it posted to them?

**No**



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