

Genuine Reason 6 - Business or Employment as a Firearms Dealer, Security Agent/Guard

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. This document was prepared in June 2024 based on the relevant legislation at that time.

To be granted a firearms licence a person needs to have a 'genuine reason' to possess or use a firearm. The Act includes business or employment as a firearms dealer, security agent or security guard as a genuine reason to possess or use a firearm.

This information sheet explains how to apply for a firearms licence for the purpose of business or employment as a security agent or security guard. See Information Sheet 32 - "Firearms Dealers Licence" for information in relation to obtaining a firearms dealer licence. See Information Sheet 19A - "Business or Employment as a Firearms Dealer Employee" for information in relation to obtaining a firearms dealer employee licence.

What categories of licence are available for business or employment as security agent or security guard?

Category A, Category B and / or Category H licence.

See Information Sheet 3 Firearms Licence Categories for more detail.

What documents are required to apply for a licence as a security agent or security guard?

An applicant whose genuine reason for possessing or using a firearm is business or employment must produce evidence to the Commissioner's satisfaction that it is necessary in the conduct of the applicant's business or employment to possess or use that firearm.

Firearms Services requests that the following information is provided to evidence this requirement:

- I. A letter from the applicant's employer (if the applicant is employed by the relevant business) or affidavit / statutory declaration from the applicant (if the applicant owns the relevant business) including the following:
 - The name, address and ACN / ABN (if applicable) of the business;
 - The nature of the business;



- The applicant's role in the business and duties performed as part of that role; and
- Information in relation to why it is necessary in the conduct of the applicant's business or employment to possess or use that firearm.

AND

2. A copy of any relevant licences held by the applicant and / or the applicant's employer pursuant to the *Security and Investigation Agents Act 2002* or any other relevant Act.

Category H firearms licence for use in the security industry

Section 18(5) of the Act provides that a category H firearms licence for use in the security industry authorises the holder to possess –

- a. a registered pistol that –
 - i. does not exceed .38 inch calibre or 9 millimetre calibre; and
 - ii. is owned by, and has as its registrant, the holder's employer; and
- b. factory-manufactured or factory-loaded ammunition for a registered pistol of the kind referred to in paragraph (a).

Note: Pursuant to section 33(2) of the Act, the Commissioner is prohibited from granting a category H firearms licence for security industry work if the security industry work includes the close personal protection of other persons.



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