

## Genuine Reason 6 - Business or Employment as a Firearms Dealer Employee

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

This information sheet provides information in relation to firearms dealer employee licences and how to apply for one.

### Firearms dealer employee licence

A firearms dealer employee licence authorises the holder to handle manually, in the course of his or her employment with the holder of a firearms dealer licence and at the premises specified in the firearms dealer licence –

- a. firearms of a category specified in the firearms dealer licence; and
- b. ammunition for such firearms.

### What documents are required to apply for a firearms dealer employee licence?

Firearms Services requests that the prospective employer (the firearms dealer) provides the following to accompany the application:

- A copy of their firearms dealer licence; and
- A letter signed by the prospective employer including the following information:
  - Confirmation of the intention to employ the applicant; and
  - Information in relation to the role that the applicant is intended to be employed by the firearms dealer and the duties associated with that role.
  - Information in relation to the business (for example, business name, address and ACN/ABN).

### Employment restrictions in relation to proscribed persons pursuant to section 96A of the Act

- It is an offence for the holder of a firearms dealer licence to employ a proscribed person in a job that gives the proscribed person access to any firearms or ammunition dealt with under the licence.
- It is an offence for a proscribed person to apply for or accept employment that gives the proscribed person access to any firearms or ammunition dealt with under a firearms dealer licence.



- It is an offence for the holder of a firearms dealer licence to cause or allow a proscribed person to –
  - a. act as an agent for the business carried on under the licence; or
  - b. participate in the management of the business carried on under the licence.
- It is an offence for a proscribed person to –
  - a. act as an agent for a business carried on under a firearms dealer licence; or
  - b. participate in the management of the business carried on under a firearms dealer licence.
- d. is subject to a restraint order, family violence order or police family violence order or a similar order in force under a law of another jurisdiction; or
- e. is subject, either in this State or elsewhere, to a good behaviour bond relating to an offence of or involving violence; or
- f. is subject to a firearm prohibition order.

## Proscribed persons

Pursuant to section 96A of the Act, a person is taken to be a proscribed person on a particular day if the person –

- a. has, in the 10-year period immediately preceding that day, had a firearms dealer licence cancelled; or
- b. has, in the 10-year period immediately preceding that day, had a firearms licence cancelled or an application for a licence or permit refused under this Act or in any other jurisdiction on the grounds that –
  - i. the person was not considered a fit and proper person to hold or be issued with the licence or permit; or
  - ii. the person was not considered a fit and proper person to be trusted with possession of firearms; or
  - iii. the holding or issuing of the licence or permit would be contrary to the public interest; or
- c. is subject to an interim restraint order or interim family violence order or a similar interim order in force under a law of another jurisdiction; or

