

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. My weapons licence has expired. May I continue to hold weapons while I apply for a new licence?

A. No. You risk prosecution for unlawful possession of the weapon(s) if you continue to hold weapons without the appropriate permit or authority. Unlicensed weapons in your possession must immediately be disposed of for safekeeping:

- to a licensed firearm dealer; or
- to a person who is the holder of a licence authorising possession of the same category of weapon (A person may take possession of a weapon for safekeeping on a temporary basis for not more than 3 months); or
- to a police station.

Q. My weapons licence has recently expired. Can I renew my expired licence?

A. No. You must make an application for renewal of a licence before the day the licence expires. You may wish to lodge an application for a new licence by using the online form on the Weapons Licensing website or by completing a Form 1 'Application for a Licence'. Paper applications are available from Queensland Police Stations or online.

Q. If I decide to make application for a new licence am I required to complete a Weapons Act Safety Course?

A. A safety course will NOT be required if your licence expired within the last 12 months. A person is considered to have adequate knowledge of a weapon if within 12 months immediately before the day the person made the application for the new licence, the person was a licensee.

Q. My licence has expired and I don't wish to make an application for a new licence. Can I sell my weapon(s)?

A. Yes. A weapon may be sold by immediately arranging delivery to:

- a licensed dealer who agrees to take the weapon for consignment sale; or
- a person who is the holder of a permit to acquire the weapon(s) and acquires the weapon(s) through a licensed dealer or police station (if the nearest licensed dealer is more than 100 km from the person's usual place of residence); or
- a police station for safekeeping until the sale is arranged by the owner.

Q. My weapons licence has expired, however, I no longer wish to possess weapons. How do I lawfully dispose of weapons in my possession?

A. Weapons may be disposed of as follows:

- to licensed dealer, armourer, or a police station, for destruction; or
- to a licensed dealer for consignment sale; or
- to a person who holds a current licence with the same categories of weapons for safekeeping for a period not exceeding three months. The weapons **MUST** be currently registered; or to a licensed dealer or police station (not exceeding 90 days) for safekeeping until a licensed person has obtained the appropriate Permit to Acquire the weapon(s).

Q. A weapon registered to my firearms licence has been stolen or lost. Am I required to report this to police?

A. Yes. If your weapon has been stolen or lost you must make immediate arrangements to report the loss to police.

Q. If I give my weapon(s) to a licensed person for safe keeping is there any paperwork required?

A. Yes. You are required to provide a letter in writing signed by the registered owner of the weapon, and the person to whom the weapon was surrendered. The letter must include the full name, weapons licence number and address of the person safekeeping the weapon(s). Once completed this letter must be sent to Weapons Licensing via post, email or fax.

Q. Can I possess ammunition with an expired licence?

A. No. The *Explosives Act 1999* only exempts persons from the possession of ammunition and their components if they are the holders of a Weapons Act licence or other authority under the *Explosives Act 1999*.

Q. How do I obtain the appropriate permit to acquire a weapon?

A. Licence holders can lodge applications for a Permit to Acquire by using the online form on the Weapons Licensing website or by completing a Form 28 'Application for a Permit to Acquire'. Paper applications are available from Queensland Police Stations or online.

Q. How do I broker a weapon upon receipt of a Permit to Acquire?

A. Purchased from Licensed Dealer - If the weapon is to be purchased from a licensed dealer, present the Permit to Acquire to the dealer.

The licensed dealer:

- will broker the weapon by ensuring the details of the weapon are recorded accurately on the permit; and
- finalise the Notice of Disposal; and
- return the Notice of Disposal to Weapons Licensing.

Private Sale - If the weapon is to be acquired privately from an individual the transaction MUST be brokered through a licensed dealer (or a police station if a licensed dealer is more than 100 km away from your usual place of residence).

The seller must sign the Notice of Disposal on the lower section of the Permit to Acquire. The acquirer of the weapon MUST attend the licensed dealer and present the Permit to Acquire and the weapon.

The licensed dealer:

- will broker the weapon by ensuring the details of the weapon are recorded accurately on the permit; and
- finalise the Notice of Disposal; and
- return the Notice of Disposal to Weapons Licensing; and
- may charge a brokerage fee.

In both instances, the top section of the permit is retained by the acquirer for record purposes.

Q. My expired firearms licence has been lost, stolen or destroyed. What am I required to do?

A. Section 22 of the *Weapons Act 1990* places the onus on the licence holder to notify the Queensland Police Service immediately if his or her licence is lost, stolen or destroyed.

For further information please visit the Weapons Licensing website

<https://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/weaponsLicensing/>

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