



# INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PERMIT USING FIREARMS IN AUSTRALIA

## WHAT INTERNATIONAL VISITORS NEED TO KNOW

Some international visitors to Australia use firearms during their stay to participate in competitive sports shooting events and / or safari hunts. Note: you cannot tour & hunt with firearms independently; this activity can only be undertaken with a licensed safari operator.

Are you planning to use firearms during your visit to Australia? If yes, you will need to make application for the appropriate permits from Australian police **BEFORE** you arrive.

### **WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?**

If you want to use firearms during your stay in Australia, you need to obtain:

- An international visitor's firearms permit (to allow possession, carriage and use firearms during your safari hunt or competition).

If you wish to import your own firearms and / or ammunition into the country you will also need to obtain:

- An import permit **B709**.

Application should be made to the police of the first Australian State or Territory you will be hunting or competing in. For example, if you plan to hunt or compete initially in the state of Victoria (even though you may later visit other State/s or Territory), then make application to Victoria Police for both permits.

If you plan to move between different States and Territories thereafter and have a permit in one jurisdiction you may need to obtain an International Visitors Permit from each State or Territory you want to hunt or compete in. Check with the respective police as requirements do vary between jurisdictions.

Application forms can be obtained from police in every jurisdiction. Contact numbers are listed over page. **NOTE: This information sheet relates to visits to the Northern Territory (NT) of Australia.**

Make sure the application is completed accurately and in full. This will ensure your application is processed expeditiously.

### **WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?**

Make application well in advance of your visit, at least 6 – 8 weeks before your arrival. This will ensure that Australian police will have time to process your application and issue your permits. You **will** require these documents to produce to Customs Officials on arrival in Australia if you are importing your own firearm.

**In the NT** – Safari hunt visitors must apply and pay through their NT registered safari guide or their company.

### **WHAT WILL I BE ALLOWED TO DO?**

The issued permits will allow the person named in the permit to hunt, compete and import the specified firearms into Australia for the purposes stated on the application. Strict conditions will apply with the permits:

- You will only be allowed to use firearms for specified purposes (at recognised competitive sports shooting events or paid safari hunts) you cannot engage in any other firearms related activities outside those specified in the permit.
- You must comply with all the legislative requirements in respect to firearms in the Australian States and / or Territories you are visiting;
- You must adhere to safe storage requirements;
- You must carry the permit at all times and produce this documentation to Australian police on request; and

- You must ensure that you export your firearms with you when you depart Australia.

**Note:** Permits will be issued for the duration of the Competition or Safari Hunt – if you wish to stay longer in Australia you must make arrangements for the storage and export of any firearms.

### **WHAT TYPES OF FIREARMS ARE ALLOWED?**

While most common types of firearms can be brought into Australia under a permit, international visitors hunting with a safari company should note that **NT** permits will not be issued for the following types of firearms:

- Semi-automatic centre fire rifles;
- High-capacity semi-automatic rim fire rifles or shotguns;
- High-capacity pump-action or lever action shotguns;
- Fully-automatic firearms; or
- Handguns (Handguns are permitted for competitive sports shooting events only)

### **INFORMATION AND ADVICE**

Application forms, information and advice are available by contacting the respective Police Firearm Registry;

#### **Northern Territory Firearms Policy and Recording Unit**

Phone: +61 8 8922 3543 {8 am to 11 am ACST (GMT + 9:30 hrs)}

Email: [firearmsregistry@pfes.nt.gov.au](mailto:firearmsregistry@pfes.nt.gov.au)

#### **Victorian Firearms Licencing Services**

Phone: +61 3 9247 3785

Email: [licensingregulation@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:licensingregulation@police.vic.gov.au)

#### **New South Wales Firearms Registry**

Phone: +61 2 6670 8590

Email: [firearmsenq@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:firearmsenq@police.nsw.gov.au)

#### **ACT Firearms Registry**

Phone: +61 2 6133 2122

Email: [actfirearmsregistry@afp.gov.au](mailto:actfirearmsregistry@afp.gov.au)

#### **South Australia Firearms Division**

Phone: +61 8 7322 3346

Email: [sapol.firearmsbranch@police.sa.gov.au](mailto:sapol.firearmsbranch@police.sa.gov.au)

#### **Queensland Weapons Licencing Branch**

Phone: + 61 7 3015 7777

Email: [weaponslicensing@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:weaponslicensing@police.qld.gov.au)

#### **Western Australia Firearms Branch**

Phone: +61 9 9223 7000

Email: [licensingservicesfirearms@police.wa.gov.au](mailto:licensingservicesfirearms@police.wa.gov.au)

#### **Tasmania Police Firearms Registry**

Phone: +61 3 6230 2720

Email: [firearms.services@police.tas.gov.au](mailto:firearms.services@police.tas.gov.au)

#### **Australian Customs Service**

Phone: +61 2 8339 6715

Email: [information@customs.gov.au](mailto:information@customs.gov.au)