

Qld Rifle Association Inc

Course in Firearms Safety 11029NAT



Handbook Category A B C D Firearms

Basic Rules

1. Treat every firearm as Loaded
2. Always point firearm in a safe direction
3. Never have loaded firearms in car, home, or camp
4. Identify your target and what is behind it
5. Never fire at hard surfaces or water
6. Store ammunition and firearms separately
7. No **Alcohol** or **Drugs** when handling firearms
8. Do not climb fences or obstacles with loaded firearms

You are in Possession of a firearm when you are in control of it.

Firearm danger zone is the arc through which the rifle can be pointed or moved.

Action types



Bolt Action



Break Action



Semi-Automatic Action



Lever Action



Pump Action



Self-Loading Semi-auto Action

It is only the action that constitutes a firearm

Checking to ensure the firearm is safe

1. Point in safe direction
2. Ensure action is open
3. Ensure no ammunition
4. Check breach
5. Check barrel
6. Stating in a clear voice breach clear

Sequence of actions when handed a firearm

Point in safe direction

Bolt action

Unlock
Extract
Eject
Inspect
Leave open

Break action

Break action
Extract
Inspect
Leave open

Range etiquette

When first arriving at range you must sign the range register and show licence to range officer.

Safety at a range is the responsibility of **every user of the range** not just the range officer.

Range officer is there to open and close the range also to enforce rules and as a point of authority and as a reporting point in case of an incident or event

In the event of a safety breach **anyone** on the range can call a cease fire or stop firing, you must then stop shooting and await further instructions from the range officer.

The range officer will ensure that all firearms are safe before allowing persons forward of the firing line.

Firing can only proceed when a range officer is present, and the command to fire is given

Modification to Firearms

You must not remove any serial number

You must not make any changes that will change the firearm as it appears on your weapons list

Hunting

Must have permission of the landowner, each time you visit. (In writing recommended.)

Must not shoot over roads

Must not allow shot to leave property

Must be humane in killing of animals

Do not shot over water or onto hard surfaces

The firearm must be made safe before entering a building, car, or camp

Responsible owner will –

Keep firearms well maintained

Use and maintain hunting ethics

Will maintain firearm security at all times.

The weapon – Quick Reference

Weapons are classified into a number of categories. The licence type you have, and your genuine reason determine the categories of weapons you are able to acquire.

Category A

Rimfire rifles; single or double barrel break action shotguns; paintball guns; air rifles; and power heads. Must be 75cm or greater in length. Miniature cannons under 120cm in barrel length as prescribed in the Act.

Category B

Centre-fire rifles (other than semi-automatic); shotgun/rifle combinations. Must be 75cm or greater in length. Black powder Rifles. (Cap and Ball)

Category C (Restricted Use)

Semi-automatic or pump action shotguns (up to five rounds); and semi-automatic rimfire rifles (up to ten rounds).

Category D (Restricted Use)

Self-loading centre-fire rifles; Self-loading semi-automatic shotguns (over 5 rounds); and Self-loading semi-automatic rimfire rifles (over ten rounds).

Category E (Restrictions Apply)

Bullet-proof vests.



Category H (Restricted Use)

Handguns.



Category M Crossbow and Category M Miscellaneous (Some Restrictions Apply)

Crossbows, certain knives, and other handheld items capable of causing bodily harm.



Category R (Restricted)

Machine guns, fully automatic large calibre military weapons. (Collectors)



Other Restricted items

Non-mechanised devices like handcuffs or nunchaku.



Obtaining a Licence

1. Complete a course in firearms safety
2. Have a genuine reason for obtaining the licence – self-defence is not a genuine reason.
 - a. Sport, target shooting and collecting
 - b. Occupational rural purposes & recreational shooting on rural land
 - c. Military re-enactment.
3. Meet storage requirements
4. Be of good character
5. Complete Queensland Weapons Act application for licence – can be 1 to 10 years.
6. Wait.

Obtaining a Firearm

1. Must be holder of a Queensland weapons act firearms licence
2. Must have a current permit to acquire – 6 months
3. Must have transaction brokered.

Disposing of a Firearm

It **must** be brokered

Sending Firearms

Via registered post to a dealer or police officer (in official capacity)

Ammunition

You must be the holder of a Queensland weapons act firearms licence to purchase or be in possession of.

Weapons Licensing Change in Circumstance Form must be completed with 14 days

Weapons Licensing have introduced an on-line form to enable Queensland weapons licence holders to advise of their change in circumstances relating to "Change of Address" and/or "Contact Details".

Only use this on-line service if:

- You have a valid and current email address.
- You have a valid and current Queensland Weapons Licence.
- You have changed your residential, postal and/or weapons storage address/s.
- You have changed your contact details (Home, Mobile, Work, Fax, or Email Address).

Do NOT use on-line service if:

- Your change of address affects your current genuine reason for which your licence is currently issued.
- You have moved from Queensland to another State or Territory.
- You have changed your Weapons Storage Facility address from Queensland to another State or Territory.
- You are changing **any** business particulars.

Please note: Weapons Licensing may contact you for further information where your change of address affects the genuine reason for which your licence is issued.

For any other change, please contact Weapons Licensing on **(07) 3015 7777**.

Travelling & Storage in or on vehicles

The weapon must be unloaded

Section 61 of the *Weapons Regulation 2016* states that a person in control of a weapon must ensure the weapon is not placed in or on a vehicle unless:

1. If the vehicle has a lockable boot, the weapon is locked in the boot; otherwise:
 - (a) the weapon is locked in a metal container fixed to the vehicle; or
 - (b) the weapon is in a securely closed container that is out of sight in the vehicle.
2. The metal container and anything on or attached to it, must not suggest that a weapon is inside.
3. A person in control of a weapon (whether or not the person has custody of it) must ensure the weapon is not left in an unlocked vehicle if the vehicle is not being attended by someone licensed to possess the weapon.
4. The weapon must always be unloaded, and the bolt and magazine removed if possible.

How to store your weapon

<p>Thirty or fewer (or any number of weapons for a Miscellaneous licence)</p>	<p>A, B, C, E & M</p>	<p>Unloaded, with the bolt removed or the action broken</p>	<p>In a locked container constructed of solid steel or solid timber, and securely fixed to the frame or floor of a permanent building if the container weighs less than 150kg.</p> <p>Container must be kept locked with a sturdy combination lock, keyed lock, or keyed padlock.</p>
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(Category D, H, R- stored as required under the Weapons Act 1990)

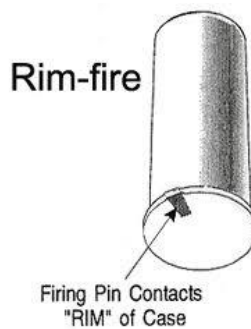
Ammunition, Powder & Primers

Must be securely stored away from firearms.

Ammunition Types

Centre fire – has a primer at base of case that is struck by firing pin

Rim fire – has a rim around the base of the case that is filled with primer paste that ignites when struck by a firing pin.



Ensure that you use the correct ammunition for the firearm that you are using

Misfires or Hang fires

This is where after the firing pin strikes the primer it fails to ignite.

- 1. Keep rifle pointed at target**
- 2. Wait 30 seconds then open the action under control and remove the round safely.**

Danger Ranges and Effective Ranges

The effective range of a bullet is where you can reasonably expect to hit what you are aiming at.

The danger range of a bullet is the total distance that a bullet can travel.

Calibre	Effective	Danger
.22	100mtrs	1500mtrs
5.56(.223)	450mtrs	2450mtrs
7.62(.308)	600mtrs	4050mtrs
12.7(.50 Cal)	1800mtrs	6600mtrs
12 Gauge		
SG		680mtrs
Nr 6 shot		280mtrs
Nr 2 Shot		380mtrs
Solids		680mtrs

Note: The effective range is for hunting rifles not target or sniper rifles

Useful web sites

Queensland Weapons Licensing

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

Queensland Rifle Association www.qldrifle.com

What happens now? You will receive your “Statement of Attainment” in the mail, after your USI number has been verified, you then need a genuine reason, sports and target shooting or recreational hunting and then apply online for your licence

Online applications take about 12 - 20 weeks at the moment, if you have heard nothing after a month, contact Weapons Licensing Branch for update.

Make sure you attach or send everything requested with your application as this can cause a delay in processing your application.

Licence Renewals can now be done online.(Recommended)

A Reference code is supplied with your renewal use this for your online renewal.

GEL BLASTERS:

New requirements coming into effect for Gel Blasters.

To own a Gel Blaster from the 16th of July 2020 you will have to have a “Reasonable excuse” as Weapons Licensing have said themselves this is incredibly open ended to interruption, so as long as you are not breaking the law or committing an offence you may own one in Qld.

As yet no Firearms Licence is required in Qld.

Other States they are banned, or you are required to have a Firearms Licence.

Airsoft are also illegal in Queensland

If you are traveling into another State, it is advisable to check what you can have with you in that state/s.

If you need help please ask.