

List of Instructions Applicable for a Permit to Acquire a Handgun Application

The information contained in your application is treated as Strictly Confidential.

General Instructions for the Completion of your Application for a Permit to Acquire a Handgun

- This form is only to be used by current Firearm Licence holders who wish to acquire a handgun. If you do not possess a current Firearm Licence that permits you to possess a handgun, you may submit your Firearms Licence application together with this *Application for a Permit to Acquire a Handgun*, however, the Permit to Acquire cannot be issued until you have received and paid (if a fee is payable) your Firearms Licence.
- There are **7** parts in this Permit to Acquire Application; you must complete **all 7 parts**.
- You may pass over individual questions **ONLY IF** you are directed to do so via a "Go to" instruction.
- Each part in the application has a corresponding instruction page section. Please refer to the relevant instruction page section for assistance in completing the application form.
- Staple copies of supporting documents **securely** to the back of your application.
- Once completed, forward application to:
 - Licensing & Regulation Division
 - GPO Box 2807
 - MELBOURNE VIC 3001
- For clarification/enquires, please contact Licensing & Regulation Division (LRD) on telephone number 1300 651 645 or email us at: lrld@police.vic.gov.au or alternatively contact your local Divisional Firearms Officer for assistance. A list of Divisional Firearms Officer is available via <https://www.police.vic.gov.au/divisional-firearms-officers>

Documents

- **Do not send** original identification documents, cash, cheques or money orders.
- High quality copies of documents must be provided. If documents are not clear your application will be returned.

Acquisitions of Firearms

This application form may be used to acquire more than one handgun under one licence. A Permit to Acquire will be issued for each handgun proposed to be acquired, a separate fee is payable for each permit issued.

Separate permit applications are to be submitted if you want to acquire more than one handgun under different licence types.

This permit to acquire application is only applicable to those who wish to acquire a handgun(s).

Interstate Acquisition of Firearms

A person may use a Permit to Acquire issued in Victoria to acquire a firearm from, or through, a Licensed Firearms Dealer in New South Wales or South Australia.

Waiting periods for Permit to Acquire

If this application is to acquire your **first firearm**, the Permit to Acquire cannot be issued until 28 days has lapsed from the receipt of your application. Applications can take up to 28 days to process therefore LRD may not respond to a request if your application is within the 28 days. If receipt of your permit application exceeds 28 days, do not hesitate to email or contact LRD. If you already possess other registered firearms, the Permit to Acquire will be issued as soon as possible.

Part 1 – Licence Details

How to complete Part 1

Specify the Victorian Firearms Licence Number that the handgun(s) will be registered under.

Note: A Junior and Provisional Handgun licence holder cannot own firearms but may use firearms under supervision by an appropriate general category handgun licence holder. Application for possession of a handgun to be used by a junior must be made by the adult who has a handgun licence with the genuine need of *'possession on behalf of a Junior'*. A Junior and Provisional Handgun licence holder is not permitted to have firearms registered under their licence.

Part 2 – Personal Information

How to complete Part 2

Provide your current personal details in the boxes provided. Make sure to leave a space between words.

If this is an application for a Business/Organisation or Government Department, the Nominated Responsible Person's name **must** be specified under Section A – Current Name and the Business/Organisation/Department name **must** be specified under Section C – Business/Organisation Name.

- If you have changed your name officially since your last application to Licensing & Regulation Division, you must staple to the back of this application a **certified** copy of your **change of name certificate** or **full birth certificate** that includes the schedule of any name changes, or **marriage certificate**. A person who has changed their name through marriage may revert to the name recorded on their birth certificate or to a previous married name at any time. You will need to produce your birth certificate and marriage certificate to show you are the same person.
- If you are known by any other name, but have not changed your name officially, staple a list of your other names to the back of this application.

It is requested that you provide your email address and contact telephone details to enable Licensing & Regulation Division to contact you if a problem is encountered in the processing of your application. When providing your email address, make sure you indicate exact case, punctuation marks and the location of the '@' symbol

Part 3 – Firearm Storage

The *Firearms Act 1996* (Schedule 4) prescribes storage standards for firearms and ammunition. The following is a brief summary of the storage requirements that you must be able to satisfy.

Note: You may have more than one storage address and any of your storage arrangements may be inspected at any reasonable time to ensure compliance with the *Firearms Act 1996*.

Part 4 – Handguns to be Acquired from a Deceased Estate

If handgun(s) are being acquired from a deceased estate, a letter from the Executor of the Will is required specifying:

- name, address and firearms licence number of deceased person;
- date of death of deceased person;
- name and firearm licence number of the firearm licence holder for whom the handgun(s) have been left to as specified in the deceased's Will;
- details of all the handgun(s) to be acquired by the firearm licence holder as specified in the deceased's Will; and
- contact details (phone numbers and address) of the Executor of the Will.

Note: Making a false declaration/statement is an offence against Section 140A(1) of the *Firearms Act 1996*. Maximum penalty 240 penalty units or 4 years imprisonment

Part 5 – Handgun Details: Handgun(s) to be acquired

You must provide details of the handgun(s) you want to acquire.

- You can apply for more than one handgun of the same category.
- The licence holder may only use the Permit to Acquire a handgun of that Type, Action and Calibre specified.
- **You can not** acquire a firearm with a calibre less than or greater than that specified on the permit. Amendments to the permit by Licensed Firearms Dealers **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**.
- If you are wishing to acquire more than two handguns on the one handgun licence, please photocopy Part 5 and attach additional pages to this application.
- You must complete all firearm details to assist Licensing & Regulation Division to correctly identify the handgun.
- Information on **How to Measure the Barrel Length of a Handgun** is available via. www.police.vic.gov.au

Example of correctly completed firearm details:

Firearm Category **G H** Firearm Type **H P** Firearm Action **S A** Firearm Configuration Magazine/Firearm Capacity **0 5**

Make **W A L T H E R**

Model **O S P**

You must indicate **full calibre** details eg. 9mmLUGER, 45ACP

Calibre 1 **2 2 R I M F I R E** Calibre 2

Police Reference Number (if known) Serial Number **A B C 1 2 3 4**

Barrel Length (mm) **1 2 5**

Year of Manufacture:

Year of Manufacture is required for all handguns. If you do not know the Year of Manufacture, at a minimum, you must indicate whether the handgun was manufactured prior to 1900, between 1900 and 1947, or post 1947.

Pre 1900 Between 1900 -1947 Post 1947

Year of Manufacture **1 9 6 9**

Part 5 – Handgun Details: Handgun(s) to be acquired (continued)

Events:

Handgun Target Shooting or Possession on behalf of a Junior: Provide details of events you wish to utilise this handgun in.

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Handgun Collectors: What is the Theme of your collection?

Commemorative
 Historical
 Thematic
 Investment (*Antique Handgun Collectors Licence ONLY*)

Identify the Category of Handgun(s) you propose to acquire from the list below.

Firearm Categories	
Firearm Categories	Descriptions
Category E Handgun	a machine gun that is a handgun; any handgun prescribed for the purposes of this category;
Paintball Marker (Category P)	any firearm that is designed to discharge a paintball
Antique Handgun (Category Q)	a handgun (that is not a single shot antique handgun) – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ that was manufactured before 1 January 1900; and ➢ that uses percussion as a means of ignition; and ➢ that does not take commercially available cartridge ammunition;
General Category Handguns (Category H)	a rimfire handgun; a centre fire handgun that is not a E Handgun; a muzzle loading handgun; a air pistol; that does not exceed 65 centimetres in length

Category E Handgun: Any application for an additional (more than one) Category E Handgun must provide documentation to demonstrate a compelling reason to possess, carry or use the handgun. If the handgun is required under a Collector's Licence the handgun must be rendered permanently inoperable and you must provide a Certificate of Deactivation after approval of the licence application.

Please use the codes shown in the tables below to classify your firearm

Firearm TYPE Codes	
Code	Description
HP	Handgun
HQ	Antique Handgun

Firearm Configuration Codes	
Code	Description
DB	Double Barrel - Side by Side
MB	Multi Barrel
REV	Revolver
SB	Single Barrel
UO	Under and Over

Firearm ACTION Codes	
Code	Description
CH	Combination (Handgun) Category H
MZ	Muzzle Loading
PN	Percussion
RV	Revolver
RX	Rolling Block
SA	Semi-Automatic
SP	Starting Pistol

Part 6 – Genuine Reason

How to complete Part 6

Complete the relevant Genuine Reason which applies to your acquisition of handgun(s).

Failure to provide all necessary information and high quality, legible copies of required documentation will result in your application being returned for your attention to the requirements.

Section A – Handgun Target Shooting:

Please ensure that you are able to satisfy the requirements your club needs to attest to before asking for their endorsement, i.e. you must have completed a handgun safety course; have a sound knowledge of firearms and related laws; require this/these handgun(s) to enable you to compete in a particular class of approved matches; and be able to comply with storage requirements.

You must -

- Have the application endorsed by the Nominated Officer of your approved Handgun Target Shooting Club.
- List the name of the approved Handgun Target Shooting Club for which you are a member.
- Provide your membership number if the club has allocated one and provide the expiry date of your membership.
- You **must** specify the event/s the handgun will be used to participate in. Classes of Approved Handgun Target Shooting Matches are available via www.police.vic.gov.au
- If you have not held a Handgun Target Shooting Licence for a period of at least 6 months you are only permitted to own one .177 inch calibre air handgun; one of either a .22 inch calibre handgun **OR** a centrefire handgun; and one black powder handgun that is muzzle loading.
- **Controlled Handguns** – Pursuant to Section 7A of the *Firearms Act 1996*, authorisation of the Chief Commissioner of Police is required for certain “controlled handguns”. This request will be made by providing the full details of the handgun to be acquired (Part 5) and placing a cross in the box (Part 6 - Section A) that seeks authorisation of the Chief Commissioner of Police.

Controlled handguns are:

- Class 4 – Centrefire handgun with a calibre of more than .38 inch but no more than .45 inch;
- a semi-automatic handgun of barrel length less than 120 mm
- a revolver or single shot handgun with a barrel length less than 100mm;
- a handgun with a calibre of more than .38 inch;
- a handgun that has a magazine capacity of more than 10 rounds.

Section B - Handgun Collectors

Please ensure that you are able to satisfy the requirements your club needs to attest to before asking for their endorsement, i.e. be entitled to possess this handgun under Category 1 or 2 Firearms Collectors Licence or Antique Handgun Collectors Licence; understand handgun safety; and be able to comply with storage requirements.

You must -

- Have the application endorsed by the Nominated Officer of your approved Firearms Collectors club.
- List the name of the approved Firearms Collectors club for which you are a member.
- Provide your membership number if the club has allocated one and provide the expiry date of your membership.
- Indicate the theme of your collection. Investment can only be selected as a genuine reason theme for the purpose of Antique Handgun Collectors. You must hold an Antique Handgun Collectors Licence to select this option.
- To acquire a handgun(s) manufactured after 1st January, 1947 for the purpose of collecting, you must hold a Category 2 Firearms Collectors Licence. You must also possess more than 10 handguns manufactured before 1st January, 1947.

Section C – Heirlooms

Heirlooms can only be acquired in matched pairs or one single firearm. The handgun(s) are only permitted on an Heirloom Licence if the handgun(s) is/are not suited to another licence. Firearms are also required to be deactivated in accordance with the *Firearms Act 1996*, Schedule 2. You must attach a Certificate of Deactivation from a Licensed Firearms Dealer indicating that the proposed handgun(s) have been **rendered permanently inoperable** once the licence application is approved. You are not permitted to keep any cartridge ammunition for the handgun. Proof of heirloom is also required, either via a letter from the executor of a deceased estate, or from the previous owner of the handgun(s) outlining their reasons for passing handgun(s) onto you. A Certificate of Deactivation of a Firearm form may be accessed via <http://www.police.vic.gov.au> or alternatively you may contact Licensing & Regulation Division on 1300 651 645 for an application form to be sent out.

Section D - Security (Employers ONLY)

- You must be the Nominated Responsible Person of the Business/Organisation
- You must employ security guards for the purpose of “cash in transit “ or “armed guard”
- You must be able to provide a Genuine Reason for the requirement to acquire a new/additional handgun(s) based on a business requirement in relation to employees completing their daily duties.

Section D - Possession or carriage on behalf of a Junior Target Shooting Handgun Licence Holder

You must provide the following details of the junior on whose behalf you will possess or carry the handgun:

- Junior’s name, licence number and licence expiry date.
- Name of the Handgun Target Shooting Club that the junior is a member of, the membership number (if provided by the club) and the expiry date of the membership.
- You **must** specify the event/s the handgun will be used to participate in. Classes of Approved Handgun Target Shooting Matches are available via www.police.vic.gov.au
- If the junior has not held a Handgun Target Shooting Licence for a period of at least 6 months you are only permitted to own one .177 inch calibre air handgun; one of either a .22 inch calibre handgun **OR** a centrefire handgun **OR** a black powder handgun that is muzzle loading.

Part 7 – Acknowledgement

You must read the Privacy Statement, sign and date the Acknowledgement.

Indicate whether the application is being completed on behalf of an Individual or Business/Organisation and then follow the ‘Go to Section’ instructions.

If the application is being completed on behalf of a Business/Organisation, the Nominated Responsible Person **must** complete the acknowledgement, stating their name in b).

Section F – Residential or Business Address

Property Name (if applicable)

[Grid for Property Name]

Flat/Unit/Suite Number

[Grid for Flat/Unit/Suite Number]

Street Number

[Grid for Street Number]

Lot Number

[Grid for Lot Number]

Street Name

[Grid for Street Name]

Street Type (RD, ST, AVE, etc.)

[Grid for Street Type]

Town/Suburb

[Grid for Town/Suburb]

State

[Grid for State]

Postcode

[Grid for Postcode]

Is your postal address the same as your residential/business address? Yes Go to **Part 3**. No Go to **Section G - Postal Address**

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Cross appropriate box **then** enter the number below

GPO Box PO Box Locked Bag Private Bag RSD RMB Unit No. Rural Road No.

Number

[Grid for Number]

Street Number

[Grid for Street Number]

Street Name

[Grid for Street Name]

Street Type (RD, ST, AVE, etc.)

[Grid for Street Type]

Town/Suburb

[Grid for Town/Suburb]

State

[Grid for State]

Postcode

[Grid for Postcode]

Part 3 - Storage Address

Storage facilities must comply with the *Firearms Act 1996* Schedule 4 requirements.

- a) Do you store or intend to store firearms at the residential address detailed above? Yes Go to b) No Complete Storage Address
- b) Will the firearm/s you propose to purchase be ordinarily stored at the residential address specified above? If your answer is "no" please specify the ordinary storage address below. Yes Go to **Part 4** No Complete Storage Address

Note: If you are applying for multiple firearms and these firearms are to be stored at multiple locations, you must specify the ordinary storage address for each firearm and attach the information to this application.

Storage Address (Please staple additional storage details to the back of this application if applicable.)

Name of Property owner/occupier

[Grid for Name of Property owner/occupier]

Property Name (if applicable)

[Grid for Property Name]

Flat/Unit/Suite Number

[Grid for Flat/Unit/Suite Number]

Street Number

[Grid for Street Number]

Lot Number

[Grid for Lot Number]

Street Name

[Grid for Street Name]

Street Type (RD, ST, AVE, etc.)

[Grid for Street Type]

Town/Suburb

[Grid for Town/Suburb]

State

[Grid for State]

Postcode

[Grid for Postcode]

Part 5 – Handgun Details: Handgun(s) to be acquired (continued)

Firearm 2

Firearm Category	<input type="text"/>	Firearm Type	<input type="text" value="H"/> <input type="text" value="P"/>	Firearm Action	<input type="text"/>	Firearm Configuration	<input type="text"/>	Magazine/ Firearm Capacity	<input type="text"/>
Make	<input type="text"/>								
Model	<input type="text"/>								

You must indicate full **calibre** details eg. 9mmLUGER, 45AC

Calibre 1	<input type="text"/>	Calibre 2	<input type="text"/>
Police Reference Number (optional)	<input type="text"/>	Serial Number	<input type="text"/>
Barrel Length (mm)	<input type="text"/>		

Events:

Handgun Target Shooting or Possession on behalf of a Junior: Provide details of events you wish to utilise this handgun in.

Handgun Collectors: What is the Theme of your collection?

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 Historical
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 Investment (*Antique Handgun Collectors Licence ONLY*)

Year of Manufacture:

Year of Manufacture is required for all handguns. If you do not know the Year of Manufacture, at a minimum, you must indicate whether the handgun was manufactured prior to 1900, between 1900 and 1947, or post 1947.

Pre 1900 Between 1900 -1947 Post 1947

Year of Manufacture

- a) Are you acquiring this handgun to participate in target shooting? Yes **Go to Part 6 Section A** No **Go to c)**
- b) Are you acquiring this handgun for the purpose of collecting? Yes **Go to Part 6 Section B** No **Go to d)**
- c) Are you acquiring this handgun to be registered under an Heirloom's Licence? Yes **Go to Part 6 Section C** No **Go to e)**
- d) Are you acquiring this handgun for use within the security industry? Yes **Go to Part 6 Section D** No **Go to f)**
- Handguns for security purposes must be registered to an employer who has a Private Security Business Licence with the genuine need of security.**
- e) Are you acquiring this handgun for possession or carriage on behalf of a Junior Target Shooting Handgun Licence Holder? Yes **Go to Part 6 Section E**

If you wish to acquire more than two handguns on one licence, please photocopy Part 5 and attach additional pages to this application.

Part 6 - Genuine Reason

The *Firearms Act 1996* requires that you demonstrate that you have a genuine reason for acquiring the handgun(s).

Section A - Handgun Target Shooting:

If you require the General Category Handgun for target shooting, you must provide your membership details below and have this permit application endorsed by the nominated officer of your Approved Handgun Target Shooting Club.

Handgun Target Shooting ONLY

I, _____, nominated officer of the applicant's Approved Handgun Target Shooting Club, on behalf of the club, endorse this application to acquire a handgun, being satisfied that the applicant: has completed a handgun safety course; has a sound knowledge of firearms and related laws; requires this/these handgun(s) to enable them to compete in a particular class of approved match conducted by the club or another approved handgun target shooting club; and can comply with storage requirements.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Name of Handgun Target Shooting Club)

(Membership Number of Applicant)

(Expiry Date)

Are you seeking authorisation to possess, carry or use an under barrel or over calibre handgun for the purpose of target shooting? Yes **Refer to Instruction Pages then go to Part 7** No **Go to Part 7**

Section B - Handgun Collectors:

If you are acquiring a handgun(s) for the purpose of collecting, you must provide your membership details below.
If you are acquiring a handgun(s) for collecting, you must have this permit application endorsed by the nominated officer of your Approved Firearms Collectors Club:

Handgun Collectors ONLY

I, _____, nominated officer of the applicant's Approved Firearms Collectors Club, on behalf of the club, endorse this application to acquire a handgun, being satisfied that the applicant: is entitled to possess this handgun under Category 1 or 2 Firearms Collectors Licence or Antique Handgun Collectors Licence; understands handgun safety; and can comply with storage requirements.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Name of Firearm Collectors Club)

(Membership Number of Applicant)

(Expiry Date)

Provide details of the theme for your collection. An example is that the theme could be any particular range, era, type or manufacture of firearms, e.g. WW1 firearms, or Smith and Wesson revolvers.

Go to Part 7

Section C - Heirlooms Licence:

Have you provided a Certificate of Deactivation from a Licensed Firearms Dealer Yes Go to Part 7 No Refer Below

A Certificate of Deactivation must be provided from a Licensed Firearms Dealer indicating that the proposed handgun(s) has/have been **rendered permanently inoperable** in accordance with the *Firearms Act 1996*, Schedule 2. This Certificate of Deactivation must be provided to Licensing Services Division immediately after the Heirloom Licence application has been approved.

Refer to Part 6 instruction pages.

Go To Part 7

Section D – Security (Employer ONLY):

Handguns for security purposes must be registered to an employer who has a Private Security Business Licence with the genuine need of security. This handgun may only be used by appropriately licensed employees of your business who have an Individual Private Security Licence for the purpose of either cash in transit or armed guard activities.

Provide details of your Private Security Business Licence Number

Go to Part 7

Section E - Possession or carriage on behalf of a Junior Target Shooting Handgun Licence Holder:

(Name of Junior Licence Holder)

(Junior Licence Number)

(Expiry Date)

(Name of Handgun Target Shooting Club)

(Membership Number of Applicant)

(Expiry Date)

Go to Part 7

 Staple Certificate of Deactivation to the back of this application if applicable

ALL APPLICANTS MUST ENSURE THAT THEY COMPLETE THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ON THE NEXT PAGE

