

Firearms Information Sheet - Licences issued for Handgun Target Shooting – Comparison Table

Provisional General Category Handgun Licence (Handgun Target Shooting)
<p>Who Should Apply?</p> <p>This licence is for a person (including juniors aged 12 years to under 18 years of age) seeking to attain the prerequisites to qualify for a general category handgun licence or junior licence.</p>
<p>Prerequisites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant must be a member of an approved handgun target shooting club.
<p>Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant must be a member of a handgun target shooting club to be approved for a Provisional General Category Handgun licence. Complete a firearm safety course within 3 months from issue of the licence. <p>Note: The applicant does not need to provide fingerprints.</p>
<p>Entitlements/Limitations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licence cannot be renewed. Licence remains in force for a period of no less than 6 months and no more than 12 months. Not subject to participation requirements <p>Adults</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can carry and/or use handguns (unless they are controlled) independently at an approved handgun target shooting range. Cannot have handguns registered against licence. Can purchase ammunition. Can "try" controlled handguns, which includes Class 4, under supervision to assist them in determining whether to obtain an authority under section 7A of the <i>Firearms Act 1996</i> to purchase such a handgun if a full general category handgun licence is <p>Juniors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can carry and/or use handguns at approved handgun target shooting matches and handgun target shoots (whilst under supervision). Cannot have handguns registered against licence. Cannot purchase ammunition (condition on licence).

Junior Licence (Supervised Handgun Target Shooting)
<p>Who Should Apply?</p> <p>This licence is for a person aged 12 years to under 18 years of age that has already met all the prerequisites.</p>
<p>Prerequisites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A member of an approved handgun target shooting club for at least 6 months prior to submitting an application (exempt from 6 month membership requirement if coming from interstate with a current licence for the same firearm category and genuine reason). Completed a firearm safety course within the 12 months prior to applying. <p>Note: If immediately prior to applying for this licence the applicant held a current 'Provisional General Category Handgun Licence' they could meet all the prerequisites listed above.</p>
<p>Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The application must be endorsed by an approved handgun target shooting club, as per section 18(5) & 123F of the <i>Firearms Act 1996</i>. <p>Note: The applicant does not need to provide fingerprints.</p>
<p>Entitlements/Limitations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licence can be renewed. Not subject to participation requirements. Can carry and/or use handguns at an approved handgun target shooting range (whilst under supervision). Cannot have handguns registered against the licence. Cannot purchase ammunition. Not permitted to have access to controlled handguns which includes Class 4.

General Category Handgun Licence (Handgun Target Shooting)
<p>Who Should Apply?</p> <p>This licence is for a person that is aged 18 years or over and has already met all the prerequisites.</p>
<p>Prerequisites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed 5 approved handgun target shooting matches. A member of an approved handgun target shooting club for at least 6 months prior to submitting an application (exempt from 6 month membership requirement if coming from interstate with a current licence for the same firearm category and genuine reason). Completed a firearm safety course within the 12 months prior to applying. <p>Note: If immediately prior to applying for this licence the applicant held a current 'Provisional General Category Handgun Licence' they could meet all the prerequisites listed above.</p>
<p>Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have their fingerprints taken. The application must be endorsed by an approved handgun target shooting club, as per section 15(3) & 123F of the <i>Firearms Act 1996</i>.
<p>Entitlements/Limitations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licence can be renewed. Subject to participation requirements. Can carry and/or use handguns independently at an approved handgun target shooting range. Can have handguns registered against the licence. Can purchase ammunition.