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Provisional Pistol (Business/Employment) Licence

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This FACT sheet provides information on the requirements for obtaining a Provisional Pistol (Business / Employment) Licence.

In NSW, a person wishing to work as an armed security guard for the first time must hold a Provisional Pistol (Business/Employment) Licence prior to being issued with a full Category H (Business/Employment) Licence.

On 1 November 2012 the *Firearms Act 1996* introduced a Provisional Licensing Scheme requiring new entrants to the armed security industry to be engaged by an 'Approved Master Licensee'.

NB: An 'Approved master licensee' is the holder of a master licence under the Security Industry Act 1997 who provides uniformed armed security services and is approved by the Commissioner.

Section 16C of the *Firearms Act 1996* makes special provisions for new entrants who are to be engaged to carry out armed security activities under the authority of a Provisional Pistol (Business/Employment) Licence.

[What is a Provisional Pistol \(Business/Employment\) Licence?](#)

A Provisional Pistol (Business/Employment) Licence is issued to a person who has never held a Category H (Business/Employment) Licence issued under the *Firearms Act 1996*.

A Provisional Pistol (Business/Employment) Licence authorises the licensee to possess and use a firearm whilst performing armed security activities.

[Are there any restrictions on the Provisional Pistol \(Business/Employment\) Licence?](#)

For the first six months of the term of the licence, the licensee must not possess or use a pistol unless the licensee is under the direct supervision of a natural person who has continuously held, for a period of more than 12 months:

- * A Category H (Business/Employment) Licence that is not a Provisional Pistol (Business/Employment) Licence, and
- * A Class 1F Security Licence issued under the *Security Industry Act 1997*.

[Am I required to undertake any training courses?](#)

Prior to an application being granted you must provide evidence of having completed an approved firearms safety test. This course must be endorsed by your 'Approved Master Licensee'.

Further training will be conducted by your 'Approved Master Licensee' during the term of your Provisional Pistol (Business/Employment) Licence.

[What requirements must be met to obtain a Provisional Pistol \(Business/Employment\) Licence?](#)

You must:

- * Be the holder of a Category 1F Security Licence under the *Security Industry Act 1997*.
- * Provide a letter of intention of employment from an 'Approved Master Licensee' verifying to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the master licensee intends the employment to continue for the term of the licence.
- * Complete an approved firearms safety accreditation course conducted by an instructor endorsed by an 'Approved Master Licensee'.

[What is the term of the Provisional Pistol \(Business/Employment\) Licence?](#)

A Provisional Pistol (Business/Employment) Licence is issued for a period of 12 months.

[When can I apply for a full Category H \(Business/Employment\) Firearms Licence?](#)

You must hold your Provisional Pistol (Business/Employment) Licence for the full term of the licence and you will receive licence application forms for a full Category H (Business/Employment) Licence prior to the expiry of your Provisional Pistol (Business/Employment) Licence.

Applications received prior to the expiry of the Provisional Pistol (Business/Employment) Licence provide for continuing authority to possess and use firearms on your Provisional Pistol (Business/Employment) Licence until you are notified of the issue of, or refusal of, the Category H (Business/Employment) Licence.

**How do I make application for a Provisional Pistol (Business/
Employment) Licence?**

Applications must be made through an 'Approved Master Licensee'. Individual applications submitted without validation from an 'Approved Master Licensee' will not be accepted.

**How long will it take to obtain my Provisional Pistol (Business/
Employment) Licence?**

A new licence application has a mandatory waiting period of 28 days from the date of receipt before the licence can be issued.

Once received, your application will be reviewed and you will be informed of the outcome, usually within 6 - 8 weeks.

How much will the Provisional Pistol (Business/Employment) Licence cost?

The prescribed fee for the Provisional Pistol (Business/Employment) Licence is \$250.

Where do I pay?

Fees for licences are paid at the Roads and Maritime Services (previously known as: RTA) when your photo licence is produced.

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Where can I find more information?

The information provided in the FACT Sheet is for general guidance only. Applicants and licensees should familiarise themselves with the *Firearms Act 1996* and the *Firearms Regulation 2006*, which are available on the NSW Legislation website - www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.



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