

FIREARMS REGISTRY

Prohibited Weapons Public Museum Permit

This FACT sheet provides information on the requirements for obtaining a Museum Permit - clause 20 of the *Weapons Prohibition Regulation 2009*.

It is an offence in NSW to possess a prohibited weapon without the authority of a permit.

What does the Public Museum Permit authorise?

This permit authorises possession and use of prohibited weapons by the permit holder and other persons authorised by and listed on the permit, for the purposes of preserving, maintaining and displaying the weapons on the premises of the public museum or for purposes reasonably connected with the operation of the public museum.

NOTE: Any proposed display of any prohibited weapon that is to take place away from the museum premises must have the prior written approval of the Commissioner.

Who can apply for this permit?

A person on behalf of a public museum.

What is the definition of a public museum

For the purposes of this permit, a public museum is an institution that:

- * Has a written constitution that states the museum's charter, goals and policies, and
- * Has a stated acquisition policy, and
- * Acquires, conserves and exhibits objects of scientific or historical interest for the purposes of study, education and public enjoyment, and
- * Is sufficiently financed to enable the conduct and development of the museum, and
- * Has adequate premises to fulfil its basic functions of collection, research, storage, conservation, education and display, and
- * Is regularly open to the public.

What is the term of the permit?

The permit will be issued for a maximum term of 5 years.

How much will the permit cost?

The prescribed fee for this permit is \$127. Your payment must accompany the application. You may pay by cheque or money order made payable to the NSW Police Force or by filling out the credit card details on the reverse of the application form. An additional \$25 fee is required for each person, other than the permit holder, completing a P639 form to be listed and authorised by the permit.

What do I need to send with the application?

- * A completed P638 'Application for a Prohibited Weapons Permit' form, and
- * A completed 'Prohibited Weapon Public Museum Genuine Reason' form, and
- * A completed 'Business Declaration', and
- * Supporting documentation as requested on the genuine reason form.

What kind of prohibited weapons are authorised by this permit?

Weapons forming part of a collection must have a genuine commemorative, historical, thematic or financial value. **NOTE:** All weapons forming part of the collection must be maintained in a safe condition. Nominate on the P638 Prohibited Weapon Schedule the type of weapons required on this permit. Any weapon referred to in Schedule 1, clause 1A (military style weapons) must be certified as deactivated by a theatrical weapons armourer.

What safe keeping level applies to this permit?

See the FACT Sheet 'Safe Storage Prohibited Weapons Level 1, 2 & 3' & 'Prescribed Safe Storage for Schedule 1 Prohibited Weapons' for the storage level that applies to the weapons nominated for your permit. You must meet or exceed the prescribed safe storage for the weapon concerned. As part of the application, you must contact local police to complete a safe storage inspection of your storage facilities.

What about employees?

A person who is an employee of the permit holder, or person who is engaged in the operation of the public museum, may make application to be listed on and authorised by this permit. Each employee must complete an 'Application for a Person to be Authorised on a Prohibited Weapons Permit' P639 form. A separate P639 form must be used for each person wishing to be authorised by the permit.

All applicants must provide proof of identity totalling 100 points (if the person does not hold a current licence or permit). There is a prescribed fee of \$25 for each person in addition to the permit holder to be listed on the permit.

How do I apply for a Prohibited Weapon Public Museum Permit?

You must complete the P638 'Application for a Prohibited Weapons Permit' form and the 'Prohibited Weapon Public Museum Genuine Reason' form and where applicable provide any supporting documentation. Please see the reverse of this FACT Sheet for instructions on how to complete the P638 form.

Instructions for completing the PW Permit Application Form

PROHIBITED WEAPONS PERMIT APPLICATION FORM (P638)

NEW APPLICATION / REAPPLICATION

Mark the appropriate box, new application or reapplication. If you currently hold, or have previously held, a firearms licence or firearms or prohibited weapon permit, enter your licence or permit number.

SECTION A - PERMIT TYPE

From the drop down list select the type of permit for which you are applying. If the permit is not listed in the drop down list, enter 'Other' and describe the type of permit you require in the space provided.

SECTION B - NOMINATED PERSON / PERMIT HOLDER

Insert the full name, date of birth, gender, NSW drivers licence (if held), contact phone numbers, email address and supply details for the nominated person (business) or nominated permit holder (individual). If you have been known by any other names enter your alias here.

SECTION C - RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Insert your full residential address in this section.

SECTION D - POSTAL ADDRESS

If the postal address is the same as the residential address, mark the box. If your postal address is different to your residential address, insert your postal address in this section.

SECTION E - BUSINESS, CLUB OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY DETAILS

If this application is being made by a Business, Club or Government Agency, complete this section and attach supporting documentation.

SECTION F - SAFEKEEPING ADDRESS OF WEAPONS

If the safekeeping address is the same as the residential address, select 'YES' in the box. If your weapon safekeeping address is different to your residential address, select 'NO' and insert the address in this section.

SECTION G - PERSONAL HISTORY

Answer each question by selecting a 'YES' or 'NO' from the drop down list. If you answer 'YES' to any question, provide details as an attachment.

SECTION H - DECLARATION

The application must be signed and dated by the applicant.

SECTION I - FEE

The prescribed fee for a prohibited weapon permit is \$127. Your payment must accompany the application.

RELATED INFORMATION

See FACT Sheets:

'100 Point Identification'

'Schedule 1 Prohibited Weapons - Safe Storage Levels 1, 2 & 3',

'Prescribed Safe Storage for Schedule 1 Prohibited Weapons'.

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Where can I find more information?

The information provided in the FACT Sheet is for general guidance only. Applicants and permit holders should familiarise themselves with the *Weapons Prohibition Act 1998* and the *Weapons Prohibition Regulation 2009*, which are available on the NSW Legislation website - www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.



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