

| LICENCE CATEGORIES & GENUINE REASON TABLE | | Category A Licence * Air rifles * Rimfire rifle (other than self-loading) * Shotgun/rimfire combinations * Shotgun (other than pump action or self-loading) | Category B Licence * Muzzle loading firearms (other than pistols) * Centre-fire rifles (other than self-loading) * Shotgun/centre-fire combinations | Category C Licence Prohibited except for limited purposes * Self-loading rimfire rifles with a magazine capacity of no more than 10 rounds * Self-loading shotguns with a magazine capacity of no more than 5 rounds * Pump action shotguns with a magazine capacity of no more than 5 rounds | Category D Licence Prohibited except for official purposes * Self-loading centre-fire rifles * Self-loading rimfire rifles with a magazine capacity of more than 10 rounds * Self-loading shotguns with a magazine capacity of more than 5 rounds * Pump action shotguns with a magazine capacity of more than 5 rounds * Any firearm to which a category C licence applies | Category H Licence * Pistols including blank fire pistols and air pistols |
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| GENUINE REASONS | Sport/Target Shooting | YES Proof of current membership of an approved target shooting club. | YES Proof of current membership of an approved target shooting club. Club membership satisfies special need. | YES Proof of current club membership of an approved clay target shooting club AND certificate from medical practitioner. Club membership satisfies special need. | NOT AVAILABLE | YES Proof of current membership of an approved target shooting club. Club membership satisfies special need. |
| | Recreational Hunting/Vermin Control | YES * Hunting Club membership, or * Ownership/occupancy of rural land, or * Permission to shoot, or * Permission from government agency, * Game Council 'R' licence. | YES * Hunting Club membership satisfies special need, or * Ownership/occupancy of rural land, or * Permission to shoot, or * Permission from government agency, * Game Council 'R' licence (satisfies special need). + Demonstrate special need. | NOT AVAILABLE | NOT AVAILABLE | NOT AVAILABLE |
| | Primary Production | YES Occupation as a primary producer OR owner, lessee or manager of land used for primary production. | YES Occupation as a primary producer OR owner, lessee or manager of land used for primary production. + Demonstrate special need. | YES Occupation as a primary producer OR owner, lessee or manager of land used for primary production. + Demonstrate special need. | NOT AVAILABLE | NOT AVAILABLE |
| | Vertebrate Pest Animal Control | YES * Professional contract shooter, or * Employed or authorised by a government agency, or * Primary Producer involved in an authorised eradication campaign. | YES * Professional contract shooter, or * Employed or authorised by a government agency, or * Primary Producer involved in an authorised eradication campaign. + Demonstrate special need. | NOT AVAILABLE The firearm type authorised by a category C licence for this genuine reason is covered by a category D licence. | YES * Professional contract shooter, or * Employed or authorised by a government agency, or * Primary Producer involved in an authorised eradication campaign. + Demonstrate special need. | NOT AVAILABLE |
| | Business or Employment Owner of business Employee of business | YES * You must demonstrate that the use of firearms is necessary in your business or employment Security guards shotgun only | YES * You must demonstrate that the use of firearms is necessary in your business or employment + Demonstrate special need. Not available to security guards | NOT AVAILABLE | NOT AVAILABLE | YES * You must demonstrate that the use of firearms is necessary in your business or employment + Demonstrate special need. Available to security guards Not available for commercial fishing |
| | Rural Occupation | YES * Employed or engaged in a rural occupation requiring the use of firearms | YES * Employed or engaged in a rural occupation requiring the use of firearms + Demonstrate special need. | NOT AVAILABLE | NOT AVAILABLE | NOT AVAILABLE |
| | Animal Welfare | YES * An officer of the RSPCA or Animal Welfare League, or * Veterinary practitioner, or * Employee of Department of Primary Industries or Livestock, Health & Pest Authorities, or * Owner, transporter, drover or other handler of animals | YES * An officer of the RSPCA or Animal Welfare League, or * Veterinary practitioner, or * Employee of Department of Primary Industries or Livestock, Health & Pest Authorities, or * Owner, transporter, drover or other handler of animals + Demonstrate special need. | NOT AVAILABLE | NOT AVAILABLE | NOT AVAILABLE |
| | Firearms Collection The collection must have a genuine commemorative, historical, thematic or financial value | YES Proof of current membership of an approved Collectors Club or Society. Firearms must be rendered temporarily inoperable | YES Proof of current membership of an approved Collectors Club or Society. Firearms must be rendered temporarily inoperable | YES Proof of current membership of an approved Collectors Club or Society. Firearms must be rendered temporarily inoperable | YES Proof of current membership of an approved Collectors Club or Society. Firearms must be rendered permanently inoperable | YES Proof of current membership of an approved Collectors Club or Society. Firearms must be rendered temporarily inoperable |