

Annexure A.

INFORMATION FOR OVERSEAS VISITORS LICENCE APPLICANTS

Persons who wish to visit Queensland and intend to possess or use firearms are required to hold a Queensland Weapons Act Visitors Licence.

(This does not apply to persons who hold a licence, permit or authority issued under the law of another State of Australia which is subject to mutual recognition under Section 32 of the Weapons Act 1990 and S9 of the Weapons Regulations 1996. For more information refer to the QPS website)

Persons wishing to obtain a Queensland Visitors Licence must make application accompanied with:

- Completed and signed Visitors Licence application form.
- Payment of fees by cheque/money order made out to "Queensland Police Service".
 - a) For Overseas Competition Target Shooting Visitors - AUD\$33.90 licence fee.
 - b) For Overseas Recreational Shooting (hunting/safari) Visitors – AUD\$33.90 licence fee plus an application fee of AUD\$32.55 total AUD\$66.45.
- Copy of current licence, permit or authority issued under the law of that country, or Territory, and
 - a) The licence, permit or authority must remain current for entire duration of visit to Queensland.
 - b) If no licence, permit or authority is issued in your country, then a letter from your local police authorities outlining as to whether you are a fit and proper person to possess firearms is to be attached. For further information, refer to part 6 of the Application Form.
- Itinerary details and locations whilst visiting Queensland. (include contact address, and phone number/s).
- Security and storage arrangements for firearms and ammunition whilst in Queensland. (Further information is available on the QPS website)
- Details of any firearm spare parts and all types, calibre and amounts of ammunition that is being brought into Queensland.

- Genuine reason for visiting Queensland.
- a) *Competition Target Shooting*: Supply a letter from the competition holder confirming your participation and what events you are participating in.
- b) *Recreational Shooting* (hunting/safari): Supply a letter from property owner/occupier giving permission to shoot on land including details of property size and address. Refer to bottom section of Part 2 of the application form for further details.
- Complete details of all firearms that are being brought into Queensland. (Refer Part 2 of the application form)

HANDGUN INFORMATION

Queensland legislation restricts the use of handguns for calibres of more than .38 inch but not more than .45 of an inch and with a magazine capacity with a maximum capacity of 10 rounds or less. Accordingly, applicants may only use handguns falling within this category for the following "accredited events";

- a) A metallic silhouette competition;
- b) A single action competition.

For the purposes of obtaining a visitors licence the Authorised Officer of Weapons Licensing Branch (WLB) requires all concealable licence holders to establish the barrel length of each category H weapon that the licence holder wishes to obtain a visitors licence.

The barrel length of a category H weapon (handgun) is established by measuring the distance from the muzzle to—

- a) for a revolver--the breech end immediately in front of the cylinder; or
- b) for any other category H weapon--
 - (i) if the weapon has a breech bolt--the breech face, with the breech bolt in the closed position; or
 - (ii) if the weapon has a top slide--the breech face, with the top slide forward; or
 - (iii) if the weapon does not have a breech bolt or top slide--the breech face, with the break action closed.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The Visitors Licence is valid for the period of time whilst you visit Queensland for the purpose nominated on the licence and can be issued for a maximum period of three (3) months. If you intend to extend your stay any longer than three months, you are required to apply for a further Visitors Licence to authorise your possession of firearms in Queensland.

An application for a visitors licence is to be made at least 28 days prior to the date of the proposed visit. This time period is required to ensure that all enquiries, statutory checks and the licence is forwarded prior to the visit. Should an urgent approval for a licence be required within the 28 day period, the applicant should contact the Weapons Licensing Branch direct.

Applications are to be forwarded to:

Officer in Charge
Weapons Licensing Branch G.P.O. Box 892
Brisbane Queensland
Australia 4001

Should you have any queries in relation to the above provisions, please contact Weapons Licensing Branch Queensland Police Service on

61 7 3015 7777, fax 61 7 3015 7788 or;

e-mail address

weaponslicensing@police.qld.gov.au