

Eligibility and Membership of Approved Pistol Clubs (Supplied for prospective members of Childers Rifle and Pistol Club)

When a person applying for membership of an approved pistol club, they must include either a Current Weapons Act License or all of the following documentation as part of their application:

1. a current statement of eligibility issued by the Queensland Police Service, Weapons Licensing Branch. (A statement of eligibility is a declaration that a person is fit and proper to hold a license and is current for 3 months after the day it is signed by the Authorised Officer, Weapons Licensing Branch);
2. two character references who have known the applicant for a minimum of two years;
3. A declaration from the applicant detailing any current membership of other approved shooting club/s or advice that the applicant is not a current member of any other approved shooting club.

How to obtain a Statement of Eligibility to Join an Approved Pistol Shooting Club - QP 515

Applicants must complete and submit a form *QP 515 – ‘Application for Statement of Eligibility to Join an Approved Pistol Club’* at their local police station. Applications are available on the QPS website or from any police station. There is no fee applicable for this transaction. Upon approval, a ‘Statement of Eligibility’ will be issued and forwarded to the applicant at the address

PLEASE NOTE

It is a condition of the approved pistol club’s shooting permit that the club must not accept a person for membership unless they first submit the above information with the application for membership. This can be found in *Section 98 of the Weapons Act 1990* should you require further clarification or information.

Application for Concealable Firearms License for Sports or Target Shooting Sections 13 & 18B of the Weapons Act 1990

After a person has been a member of an approved pistol club for 6 months, participated in at least 3 handgun shooting competitions in that period, and completed a course in firearms safety for category H weapons, they are eligible to make application for a concealable firearms license. The following is what is required to make application for a concealable firearms license for sports or target shooting. The applicant must provide:

1. a copy of a certificate certifying the applicant has completed a course in firearms safety for Category H weapons. (The certificate is valid for a 12 month period from the date of issue).
2. Submit a *Form 1 – ‘Application for a License’* at their local police station; and complete all parts of the form.
3. Attach a *Form 30 – ‘Proof of Identity Declaration’* (if applicable);
4. Attach a *QP 518A – ‘Approved Club Declaration - Queensland Applicant’*, this form must be signed by the club representative and must not apply to a period inside the six month trial period when the applicant first became a club member.
5. Supply a copy of their participation records for the three handgun shooting competitions that they attended in the six month period.
6. Pay the appropriate fee. **Note: If any of the above information or forms are not supplied with the license application or are incorrectly completed by the applicant or club representative etc, the application can be rejected.**

The above requirements may not necessarily apply to eligible interstate or overseas persons wishing to make application for license in Queensland. Refer to the relevant sections (13 and 18B) of the *Weapons Act 1990* or the QPS web site for further information. All applications are available on the QPS website or from any police station.

Recording on Participation Cards

There seems to be confusion over participation cards and what is required to be recorded and when. The following is from *Section 134 of the Weapons Act 1990*, hopefully it will assist when you are completing your participation cards: It is the licensee's responsibility to enter the prescribed information *immediately* after the participation in a club organised shoot has ended the entry must be endorsed in the way prescribed under a regulation as correct by a range officer of the approved pistol club conducting the club organised shoot on the day of the shoot before the shoot ends. The endorsement must clearly identify the person making the endorsement. These entries – properly endorsed under this section is the evidence of the licensee's participation in the club organised shoot. *To put it simply the following is what we are looking for:*

- Cards to be legible including date
- Correct class of Category H weapon listed on record card ie A, B, C, D in weapon type
- Correct type of match listed on record card ie single action, rapid fire, centre fire, etc
- Correct signing off by the range officer on the day with legible name and signature.

Form 33 and Form 33A When are they required?

An unlicensed person may use a weapon at an approved range if they complete and sign the approved form. Currently Form 33 or Form 33A. This applies to a person who is not a licensee or who is a licensee but is not authorised to possess the weapon they propose to possess and use. The person may physically possess and use a weapon at an approved range if immediately before possessing and using the weapon they:

- Produce for the inspection of a range officer at the range photographic identification identifying the person (ie drivers license, current weapons license etc) and
- Completes and signs the approved Form 33 or form 33A, stating the following and gives the form to the range officer their name, residential address, dob that they are a licensee or they are not an excluded person the date and time the declaration is completed. Once completed the range officer must sign the approved form declaring that the range officer has:
 - Inspected the photo id
 - If the person states in the approved form that they are a licensee, inspected the person's license and
 - was satisfied the person signing the approved form 33 appeared to be the person shown in the photo id and
 - that information in the completed approved form agreed with information shown on the photo id and the person is a licensee or on the info contained in the approved form is not an excluded person.

It is a condition of the approved shooting clubs' shooting club permit that they must keep the approved form for three years after the approved form is signed. The range officer must ensure the person is supervised by the range officer or another range officer at all times when the person is in physical possession of the weapon.

* If the person is in physical possession of a category H weapon the supervision of the person by a range officer must be direct, personal and exclusive supervision by the range officer at all times when they are in physical possession of the weapon.

(This information has been taken directly from the Weapons Licensing Branch Newsletters)

Enquiries concerning licensing should be directed to the club Secretary by email at secretary@childersrifleandpistol.org.au