

Q. My weapons licence has expired, however, I no longer wish to possess weapons. How do I lawfully dispose of weapons in my possession?

- A.** Weapons may be disposed as follows:
- to licensed dealer, armourer, or a police station, for destruction; or
 - to a licensed dealer for consignment sale; or
 - to a person who holds a current licence with the same categories of weapons for safekeeping for a period **not exceeding three months**. The weapons MUST be currently registered; or
 - to a licensed dealer or police station (not exceeding 90 days) for safekeeping until a licensed person has obtained the appropriate Permit to Acquire the weapon(s).

Q. If I give my weapon(s) to a licensed person for safe keeping is there any paperwork required?

A. Yes. You are required to provide documentary evidence of the means of the disposal. A 'Form 8 – Receipt for Surrendered Weapons' needs to be completed by the owner of the weapon, and the person to whom the weapon was surrendered. Once completed this form may be lodged at your nearest Queensland Police Station, or sent to Weapons Licensing Branch.

Q. I hold a current Queensland Firearms licence. Should I notify police if I change address?

A. Yes. Section 24 of the *Weapons Act 1990* states the licensee is required to notify an officer in charge of police of the change and particulars of the change within 14 days of the changes happening. If you have changed the address (and/or changed the

storage address of your weapon) you are required to complete documentation as follows:

- Form 4A 'Change of Address (residential/postal only; Change of Name; Change of Weapon(s) Storage Facility)'. This form is available from any Queensland police station or via the Weapons Licensing Branch website.

Q. A weapon registered to my firearms licence has been stolen or lost. Am I required to report this to police?

A. Yes. If your weapon has been stolen or lost you must make immediate arrangements to report the loss to police.

Q. My Firearms licence has been lost, stolen or destroyed. What am I required to do?

A. Section 22 of the *Weapons Act 1990* places the onus on the licence holder to notify the Queensland Police Service immediately if his or her licence is lost, stolen or destroyed.

Q. Can I possess ammunition with an expired licence?

A. No. The *Explosives Act 1999* only exempts persons from the possession of ammunition and their components if they are the holders of a Weapons Act licence or other authority.

For further information contact your nearest Police Station, or contact Weapons Licensing Branch.

Weapons Licensing Branch
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www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/weaponslicensing/

Expired Weapons Licence!

Your Questions Answered



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COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. *My weapons licence has expired. May I continue to hold weapons while I apply for a new licence?*

A. No. You risk prosecution for unlawful possession of the weapon(s) if you continue to hold weapons without the appropriate permit or authority.

Unlicensed weapons in your possession must immediately be disposed of for safekeeping:

- to a licensed firearm dealer; or
- to a person who is the holder of a licence authorising possession of the same category of weapon (A person may take possession of a weapon for safekeeping on a temporary basis for not more than 3 months); or
- to a police station.

Q. *My weapons licence has recently expired. Can I renew my expired licence?*

A. No. You must make an application for renewal of a licence before the day the licence expires. You may wish to make an application for a new licence by completing a Form 1 'Application for a Licence'. Applications are available from Queensland Police Stations or via the Queensland Police Service (Weapons Licencing Branch) web site.

Q. *If I decide to make application for a new licence am I required to complete a Weapons Act Safety Course?*

A. A person is considered to have adequate knowledge of a weapon if **within 6 months** immediately before the day the person made the

application for the new licence, the person was a licensee. Therefore no safety course would be required if your licence expired **within the last 6 months**.

Q. *My licence has expired and I don't wish to make an application for a new licence. Can I sell my weapon(s)?*

A. Yes, a weapon may be sold by immediately arranging delivery to:

- a licensed dealer who agrees to take the weapon for consignment sale; or
- a person who is the holder of a permit to acquire the weapon(s) and acquires the weapon(s) through a licensed dealer or police station (if the nearest licensed dealer is more than 100 km from the person's usual place of residence); or
- a police station for safekeeping until the sale is arranged by the owner.

Q. *How do I obtain the appropriate permit to acquire a weapon?*

A. A licence holder wishing to apply for a permit to acquire a weapon must attend a Queensland Police Station, and provide the prescribed fee; and proof of identity; and details of the category of weapon the licence holder wishes to acquire.

Q. *How do I lodge an Application for a Permit to Acquire?*

A. Post the application to: The Authorised Officer, GPO Box 892, Brisbane, Qld, 4001. The Authorised officer will consider the application. If the application is approved, the Permit to Acquire will be posted to you. If the application is refused, you will be advised in writing.

Q. *How do I broker a weapon upon receipt of a Permit to Acquire?*

A. Purchased from Licensed Dealer. If the weapon is to be purchased from a licensed dealer, present the Permit to Acquire to the dealer.

The licensed dealer:

- will broker the weapon by ensuring the details of the weapon are recorded accurately on the permit; and
- finalise the Notice of Disposal; and
- return the Notice of Disposal to Weapons Licencing Branch.

Private Sale. If the weapon is to be acquired privately from an individual the transaction **MUST** be brokered through a licensed dealer (or a police station if a licensed dealer is more than 100 km away from your usual place of residence).

The seller must sign the Notice of Disposal on the lower section of the permit. The acquirer of the weapon **MUST** attend the licensed dealer and present the Permit to Acquire and the weapon.

The licensed dealer:

- will broker the weapon by ensuring the details of the weapon are recorded accurately on the permit; and
- finalise the Notice of Disposal; and
- return the Notice of Disposal to Weapons Licencing Branch; and
- may charge a brokerage fee.

In both instances, the top section of the permit is retained by the acquirer for record purposes.