

2. LASER POINTERS

As of 2 April 2012, laser pointers with a power output of greater than 1 milliwatt will be restricted items requiring reasonable excuse for lawful possession thereof.



'Reasonable excuse' for possession of a laser pointer includes:

Astronomical related activities, provided:-

- The person has membership of a recognised astronomical organisation or is being personally supervised by a member of a recognised astronomical organisation; and
- The person's reason for possession or acquisition of the laser pointer is to take part in activities associated with astronomy; and
- For astronomical related activity, the power output of the laser pointer must be less than 20 milliwatts.

'Recognised astronomical organisation' means an astronomical organisation which is either prescribed under a regulation, or is listed on the QPS website.

Occupational reasons include:-

- The person's reason for possession or acquisition of the laser pointer is to take part in activities associated with a recognised occupation; and
- The laser pointer has a power output of less than 20 milliwatts.

A 'recognised occupation' means an occupation prescribed under a regulation or published on the QPS website.

Firearm Licence holders:-

- The person holds a licence that authorises possession of a firearm in relation to which the laser pointer may be used, and the laser pointer has a power output of less than 10 milliwatts.

Storage

All restricted items must be stored in a locked container when not in a person's physical possession and reasonable care must be taken to prevent access by persons not lawfully entitled to possess them.

Representatives of Astronomical Organisations can contact the Weapons Licensing to have their organisation listed on the Queensland Police Service website.