

Weapons Licensing Group

Queensland Police Service

FACT SHEET – SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD A WEAPONS LICENCE



Important changes to eligibility

The Qld Community Safety Act has amended the *Weapons Act 1990* (Qld) and inserted new laws that expand the eligibility requirements to hold a weapons licence. In an effort to provide a greater focus on public safety, the new laws increase fitness and propriety measures by introducing Class A, Class B and Class C serious offences, and disqualified person/s.

Self-assessment tool

The Weapons Licensing Group (WLG) have created a self-assessment tool outlining the serious offences and relevant disqualifying periods under the new laws.

The self-assessment tool is a resource that initially helps you to determine how well you meet the eligibility requirements to hold a weapons licence, by informing you of a possible eligibility outcome based on your responses to a questionnaire.



Search 'Online Self Assessment Tool' here:
<https://www.police.qld.gov.au/units/weapons-licensing>

Serious offences

Class A serious offences

A Class A serious offence is an offence under a law of Queensland or another jurisdiction including:

- murder
- manslaughter
- grievous bodily harm
- wounding; or
- robbery

Class B serious offences

A Class B serious offence is an offence under a law of Queensland or another jurisdiction including (but not limited to):

- Arson
- Contravention of a domestic violence order
- Child exploitation offences
- Assault

Class A and Class B serious offences hold a relevant disqualifying time period of ten (10) years.

Class C serious offences

A Class C serious offence is an offence under a law of Queensland or another jurisdiction that:

- relates to the misuse of drugs; or
- involves the use or threatened use of violence; or
- involves the carriage, discharge, possession, or use of a weapon.

Class C serious offences and domestic violence orders hold a relevant disqualifying time period of five (5) years.

Disqualified Persons

The new laws introduce the definition of a disqualified person. A disqualified person is a person who

- (a) is a reportable offender under the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2004*; or
- (b) is or has been subject to a firearm prohibition order in Queensland or elsewhere; or
- (c) is or has been subject to a division 3 order under the *Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003*; or
- (d) has been convicted of a serious violent offence under the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992*, section 161A.

A disqualified person is not eligible to obtain a Queensland weapons licence

Self-reporting

The outcome of the self-assessment tool does not determine whether or not you will be granted a weapons licence or if you are eligible to continue holding a weapons licence. If you hold a current Queensland weapons licence and are concerned that you no longer meet the eligibility requirements - please contact WLG for advice.

Contact us

For further information:

Find us at www.police.qld.gov.au/units/weapons-licensing, or

Email us at WeaponsLicensing@police.qld.gov.au



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