



Australian Capital Territory

Firearms Amendment Regulation 2024 (No 1)

Subordinate Law SL2024-23

The Australian Capital Territory Executive makes the following regulation under the *Firearms Act 1996*.

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Chief Minister

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Minister



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1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the *Firearms Amendment Regulation 2024 (No 1)*.

2 Commencement

This regulation commences on the day after its notification day.

Note The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on the notification day (see [Legislation Act](#), s 75 (1)).

3 Legislation amended

This regulation amends the *Firearms Regulation 2008*.

4 Section 13

omit

5 Section 14 heading

substitute

14 Category C licence, prohibited firearm used for sport or target shooting, offences—Act, s 272 (2) (o)

6 Section 14 (1) (a)

omit

item 6, item 11 or item 12) for the purposes of a shooting competition

substitute

item 1, item 6, item 11 or item 12) for the genuine reason of sport or target shooting

7 Table 15, new items 6A and 6B*insert*

6A	application for a category C licence (other than for a licence for the possession or use of firearms mentioned in the Act , sch 1, item 1, 6, 11 or 12) if the genuine reason for possessing or using the firearm is sport or target shooting and the applicant is physically unable to compete in shooting competitions without the use of a semiautomatic or pump-action shotgun	<p>(a) a written statement from an officer of a club affiliated with the Australian Clay Target Association to the effect that the applicant is physically unable to compete in a shooting competition without the use of a semiautomatic or pump-action shotgun;</p> <p>(b) a certificate from a doctor certifying that the person ought to be considered physically unable to compete in a shooting competition without the use of a semiautomatic or pump-action shotgun</p>
6B	application for a category C licence (other than for a licence for the possession or use of firearms mentioned in the Act , sch 1, item 1, 6, 11 or 12) if the genuine reason for possessing or using the firearm is sport or target shooting and the applicant was lawfully in possession of the firearm on or before 14 November 1996	evidence the applicant was lawfully in possession of the prohibited firearm on or before 14 November 1996

8 Section 16A

substitute

16A Category C licences, genuine reasons—Act, s 64 (a)

The following genuine reasons are prescribed:

- (a) vertebrate pest animal control;
- (b) sport or target shooting, if any of the following also applies in relation to an applicant for a category C licence:
 - (i) the applicant is physically unable to compete in shooting competitions without the use of a semiautomatic or pump-action shotgun;
 - (ii) the applicant was lawfully in possession of the firearm on or before 14 November 1996;
- (c) employment (other than by a security business) or occupational requirements relating to rural purposes.

16B Application of s 16A (b) and (c) to previously issued category C licences

- (1) This section applies if—
 - (a) an adult had been granted a category C licence or a renewal of a category C licence before the commencement of the *Firearms Amendment Regulation 2024 (No 1)*, section 8, but on or after 15 January 2009; and
 - (b) the licence or renewal of the licence is for the possession or use of a prohibited firearm for the genuine reason (however expressed) of—
 - (i) sport or target shooting, and—

- (A) at the time the licensee applied for the licence or renewal, the licensee was physically unable to compete in shooting competitions without the use of a semiautomatic or pump-action shotgun; or
 - (B) the licensee was lawfully in possession of the firearm on or before 14 November 1996; or
 - (ii) employment (other than by a security business) or occupational requirements relating to rural purposes.
- (2) Section 16A (b) or (c) applies in relation to the licence or renewal of the licence as if those genuine reasons had been prescribed under the [Act](#), section 64 (a), on or after 15 January 2009.

9 Section 20 (2) (b)

omit

item 6, item 11 or item 12) for the purposes of a shooting competition—the licensee takes part in at least 4 clay target

substitute

item 1, item 6, item 11 or item 12) for the genuine reason of sport or target shooting—the licensee takes part in at least 4 shooting

Endnotes

1 Notification

Notified under the [Legislation Act](#) on 4 September 2024.

2 Republications of amended laws

For the latest republication of amended laws, see www.legislation.act.gov.au.