

INFORMATION FOR NEW SHOOTERS

SSAA Huon Combined Shooting Club Inc – re Costs/Advice/Firearms Licence

This advice is current as at 30/09/2013. The Club takes no responsibility for errors and omissions. To obtain the latest information on licensing, contact TAS Police Firearms (03) 6230 2720 or go to

<http://www.police.tas.gov.au/services-online/firearms/>

Licence Exemption

A potential adult club member wishing to try shooting may obtain a licence exemption for 6 months. The idea is to allow a potential member to shoot at the designated club under instruction while they are going through the process of getting their licence. At the end of this period, the person must have a licence, or quit shooting.

The exemption application forms are available at the club. Once completed, they need to be taken to Service Tasmania – the cost is nil.

An unlicensed new potential member may visit the club once, and if interested, will be given a Licence Exemption form with the appropriate parts completed by a Committee Member. The potential member may only return to the club to shoot once they have gained their Exemption (Firearms sends a copy to the Club secretary).

Juniors (under 18 years) apply for a Minor's Shooting Permit.

Firearms Licence types

Category A

Air rifles, rimfire rifles, shotguns (No self loaders)

Category B

Muzzle loaders, centrefire rifles (No self loaders)

Category H

Pistols, handguns

To qualify for a licence, applicants must have a **genuine reason**, such as:

1. Sport or target shooting - You must be a current member of an approved shooting organisation that conducts competitions or activities involving the type of firearms you wish to own, a copy of current membership required with application.
2. Recreational hunting or vermin control - You must produce a statutory declaration or official document signed by the owner or occupier of the land, the Director-General of Lands, the Director of the National Parks and Wildlife, or the Chief Executive Officer of the Forestry corporation established under section 6 of the Forestry Act 1920 giving permission to shoot a specified type of animal or vermin on specified land. Copy of document required with application. A suitable document is available from Service Tasmania.

So an A1 licence allows you to target shoot with a rimfire rifle or shotgun at an approved club. A2 allows you to shoot rabbits etc with rimfire rifle or shotgun. H1 allows shooting of a handgun at an approved range.

NOTE : A new H1 licence holder cannot get a permit to acquire a handgun until six months after gaining that licence.

LICENCE AND MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Adults (18 years and over) without a current firearms licence

Firearms Licence Application (Adult) 3 years \$73.00 (concession \$58.40) 5 years \$102.20 (conc. \$81.76)

AND

Club Membership \$ 80.00 per year (pensioner \$55, family two adults \$125), PLUS \$ 20.00 Joining Fee

AND

SSAA Membership \$ 83.00 per year (pensioner \$62, family concession \$62)

AND

TAFE Firearms Safety Course - cost \$270.00 currently - involves a single day, at TAFE Hobart. Please ring 1300 655 307 (TAFE) for details

Juniors (12 years to 17 years 11 mths) (i.e. under 18 years, already turned 12.)

Application for a Minor's (Junior's) Permit \$ 21.90

AND

Club Membership \$ 30.00 per year, PLUS \$ 20.00 Joining Fee

(Note: Juniors cannot own or possess a firearm or buy/hold ammunition until they have a FULL (i.e. Adult) Firearms Licence)

AND

SSAA Membership \$ 21.00 per year (requires Parent's signature on form).

When juniors apply for an adult licence at 18 years, they must then do the TAFE Firearms Safety course.

Adults (18 years and over) with a current A/B firearms licence wanting a handgun H1 licence

Club Membership \$ 80.00 per year (pensioner \$55, family two adults \$125), PLUS \$ 20.00 Joining Fee

AND

SSAA Membership \$ 83.00 per year (pensioner \$62, family concession \$62)

AND

Licence upgrade to H1 \$8.76

NOTE: Tas Firearms decides on a case-by-case basis whether the Firearms Safety Course needs to be undertaken as part of the licence upgrade.

Adult holders of an interstate firearms licence

Firearms Licence application 3 years \$73.00 5 years \$102.20

AND

Club Membership \$ 80.00 per year (pensioner \$55, family two adults \$125),
PLUS \$ 20.00 Joining Fee

AND

SSAA Membership \$ 83.00 per year (pensioner \$62, family concession \$62)

AND

TAFE Firearms Safety Course - cost \$270.00 currently - involves a single day of training, at TAFE Hobart. Please ring 1300 655 307 (TAFE) for details

NOTE: Tas Firearms currently recognises the Safety Training of Queensland and South Australia – if you can show proof that you have successfully done either of these, firearms safety training in Tas will not be required.

When applying to join HCSC Inc, your Application has to be approved by the Club Committee, which meets once per month (3rd Wednesday), and it helps greatly if your application is accompanied by 1 or 2 references.

Between joining the Club, and getting your own Firearm, you can still shoot at the Club (under supervision), with Club guns (as available), and must pay for your Ammunition.

For **ANY FIREARM WHATSOEVER**, you have to have correct, secure storage, which will be inspected by the Police.

When you have a FULL LICENCE, you can buy your own Ammunition, which must be kept in appropriate separate storage, (which will normally be checked when the police check your actual Firearm storage.)

See

<http://www.police.tas.gov.au/services-online/firearms/firearms-storage/>

for further details.