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As most firearms licence holders are aware, Firearms Services are significantly impacted every 5 years with the an increased volume of firearms licence renewal applications. This year, 44% of current licence holders are due for renewal. Continue reading on page 2.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER, FIREARMS SERVICES

Since starting in the role of Manager almost 5 years ago it has been my desire to improve communication with our license holders in order to promote better understanding of the requirements of the *Firearms Act 1996* (the Act) and Firearms Regulations.

I believe that most license holders wish to comply with the law and will do this if they clearly understand what is required.

With significant assistance from more than fifty shooters and shooter representative bodies around the state Firearms Services have now released 19 new information sheets to assist in explaining requirements. I would like to thank the individuals that contributed to these vital resources, the time you gave was significant and will help many people in to future.

If you would like to review these Information Sheets go to fas.police.tas.gov.au/forms-reference-info.

Regards,

Kerry Shepherd, Manager | Firearms Services

AGFEST 2022

Firearms Services will be at AGFEST and will be located with other Tasmanian State Government Exhibitors on South Street!

**AG-FEST
IN THE Paddock**

**24 - 27 AUG
2022**

ADMIT 1

RURAL
YOUTH

Representatives of Firearms Services will be there to promote a better understanding of firearms regulation and legislation and our new Information Sheets that are currently available on our website.

PERMANENT FIREARMS AMNESTY

Tasmania has a permanent firearms amnesty, where any person can take any unregistered or unwanted firearms to Tasmania Police (or some Firearms Dealers) without any action being taken against them, in relation to possession offences. Ring your nearest police station or your nearest Firearms Dealer to arrange a time to drop off a firearm.

DO NOT simply turn up with a firearm - this may cause a security alert. Seek advice if you are uncertain if a firearm is loaded and never carry loaded firearms in public or into the place that you are surrendering to.

Further information can be found here or at <http://crimestoppers.com.au/>



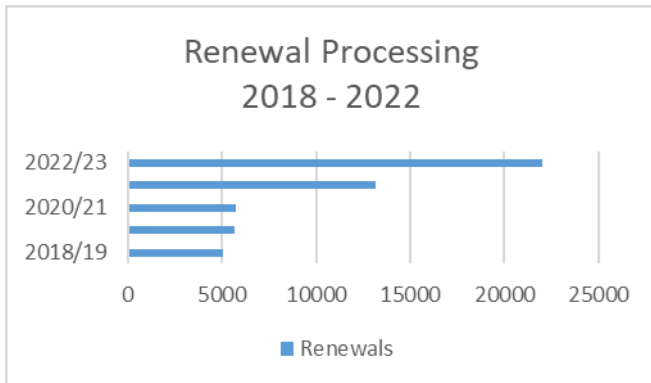
SMS NOTIFICATION - FIREARMS SERVICES

Any Tasmanian licence holder that currently does not have an email address recorded with Firearms Services will receive an SMS on behalf of Firearms Services **between now and 18 October 2022** requesting an email address be provided. Please promote reassurance that the SMS notification is from Firearms Services, Tasmania Police and that they respond either directly to the SMS or visit: www.fas.police.tas.gov.au/tact-

DUE TO RENEW IN 2022

Firearms Services have had difficulty in previous 5 year renewal periods due to inadequate resources. This has previously led to delays in processing applications on time and affected other areas of Firearms Services.

To ensure this did not occur in 2022, Government funded a number of additional positions at Firearms Services to assist with the increased volume of renewal applications for 2022-2023. This approach has been effective so far, with no significant impacts on service delivery.



REMINDER

If your Firearms Licence expires **before** 30 June 2023, you will receive your renewal 9 months early.

If your Firearms Licence expires **after** 30 June 2023, you will receive your renewal 2 months early.

MINORS PERMIT

It is a reminder that younger persons aged between 12-13 years may apply for a permit that allows them to use a firearm on an approved firearms range, under supervision.

A person aged between 14-17 years can apply for a permit that allows them to use a firearm in a field and at an approved firearms range.

If younger persons (12—17) express an interested please ask them to call (03) 6173 2720 to obtain a permit.

CONTACT US

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REMINDER TO CATEGORY H LICENCE HOLDERS

PARTICIPATION RATE RECORD CARDS

It was previously acknowledged that the impact of COVID-19 meant in some cases, sport and target shooters were unable to comply with participation rates.

Those that had previously demonstrated compliance with the usual participation requirements, could ask for requirements to be paused in 2021, however 2022 has seen most clubs return to normal operation.

Please remind your members to submit their *original* and completed participation rate record cards to Firearms Services.

Category H Licence Holders are reminded that a pistol is defined under the *Firearms Act 1996*, as a firearm that has an overall length not exceeding 65 cm and is reasonably capable of being raised and fired by one hand.

NOTE:

Compulsory Shoots must be recorded on the participation record card and include competition matches, as well as club-organised social matches.

Further information - www.fas.police.tas.gov.au or [here](#)

PROJECT RECHARGE

Project RECHARGE - Survey

Recently, a survey was sent to representatives of organisations to seek opinions in relation to the possible uses for better technology for the internal and external functions of Firearms Services, including online lodgment for participation cards, firearms renewals and new applications.

The survey closed on 13 July 2022 and the results are currently being collated. We anticipate the responses will assist in any potential future changes to services delivered by Firearms Services.



CODE OR KEY

PRACTICE SAFETY