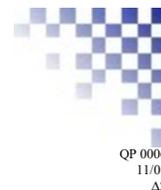




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UPDATE

CATEGORY H PARTICIPATION SHOOTS – COVID-19

Weapons Licensing continues to acknowledge and appreciate the impacts that the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on the both the target shooting and wider weapons licence holder communities.

Throughout this period, Weapons Licensing has been committed to ongoing consultation and liaison with the community stakeholders to limit adverse impacts upon licence holders.

Under the *Weapons Act 1990*, Concealable Weapons Licence Holders are subject to participation requirements if they are the registered owner of one or more Category H firearm/s for the genuine reason of Sports or Target Shooting.

These participation requirements, for each financial year, are usually:

- If they are the registered owner of one (1) or more Category H weapons in a single class - not less than six (6) handgun shooting competitions; or
- If they are the registered owner of at least one (1) Category H weapon in each of two (2) or more classes, four (4) club organised shoots for each class.

For reference, the classes are:

- **Class A** – Air Pistols;
- **Class B** – Centrefire Pistols with a calibre of not more than .38 inch (9mm) or black powder;
- **Class C** – Centrefire Pistols with a calibre of more than .38 inch (9mm) but not more than .45 inch; and
- **Class D** – Rimfire Pistols.

Holders of Concealable Weapons Licences for Sports or Target Shooting who do not have any firearms registered to their licence are not subject to participation requirements, however, they must still maintain current club membership in order to satisfy the genuine reason for their licence.

In March 2020, Weapons Licensing advised that it recognised that participation requirements would not be able to be completed for the period 1 March 2020 to 30 June 2020 and, accordingly, participation requirements for the 2019-2020 financial year would be revised downwards on a pro-rated basis accordingly.

In recognition that weapons licence holders continue to be impacted by the COVID-19 situation, I am satisfied that in accordance with subsections 133(7) and (8) of the *Weapons Act 1990*, Category H concealable firearms licence holders remain “unable to comply with a relevant participation condition for the year for reasons outside the licensee’s control” for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020.

In practice, this means licensees will only have to complete half of their normally required participation shoots for the 2020-21 financial year as detailed below.

Number of Classes of Handgun	Number of Shoots Required
One (1)	Three (3)
Two (2)	Four (4)
Three (3)	Six (6)
Four (4)	Eight (8)

While a submission (upon application for licence renewal) will be required if a licence holder has not met these revised participation shoots, Queensland Concealable Firearms Licence Holders who act in good faith will not have adverse action taken against their licences for failing to complete their required participation shoots due to disruptions arising from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Weapons Licensing will continue to monitor the evolving situation and, should further arrangements be required beyond this period, advice will be provided closer to that date.

Yours sincerely,



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