

INFORMATION SHEET

INDIVIDUAL LICENCE - COMPETITION

Individual Licence - Competition

Purpose (s.33 Firearms Act 2024)

A Competition Licence is for the purpose of participating in shooting competitions held by a licensed firearm club at a licensed firearm range.

Membership of a licensed firearm club (s.34 Firearms Act 2024)

A Competition Licence cannot be issued (or renewed) to a person unless they are a member of a licensed firearm club.

Club letter (r.20 Firearms Regulations 2024)

An application for a Competition Licence must include a club support letter from a licensed firearm club confirming the applicant is a member of the club, and that the club organises shooting competitions in shooting disciplines relevant to the firearms the applicant is applying for.

The club letter needs to be renewed when the Competition Licence is due for renewal.

Minimum activity requirements (s.32 Firearms Act 2024, r.26(3) Firearms Regulations 2024)

A Competition Licence holder must compete in a minimum of **6** shooting competitions in each 12-month period.

Shooting competitions (r.26-27 Firearms Regulations 2024)

There are two types of shooting competitions that count towards the minimum activity requirements:

- **Registered shooting competition** is a shooting competition held in Western Australia by a licensed firearm club.
- **External shooting competition** is a shooting competition outside of Western Australia that is recognised by the Regulator. The licence holders must compete with their own firearms during an external shooting competition for it to be counted. Evidence of competing in an external shooting competition can be uploaded on the new online portal.

Numerical limit (s.30 Firearms Act 2024, r.25 Firearms Regulations 2024)

The maximum numerical limit for a Competition Licence is **10** firearms.

To obtain additional firearms above 10, you must demonstrate your status as an elite shooter by providing a letter of support from a state, national or international shooting body that supports your application for each additional firearm above the numerical limit. This letter needs to be renewed upon licence renewal.

Only firearms that are used at state, national or international level competitions can be applied for above the numerical limit.

Approval for additional major firearm part for firearm (s.107(3)(d) Firearms Act 2024)

A firearm (the original firearm) can be approved as including an additional major firearm part (an approved additional part) that is interchangeable with a major firearm part of the original firearm.

When a firearm is approved as including an additional firearm part – approved configurations that are treated as separate firearms to which a licence applies are not counted as separate firearms when counting the number of firearms to which the licence applies. For example, a firearm that has multiple barrels, even if the barrels are of a different calibre, is only counted as one firearm for the numerical limits.

Firearms permitted for Competition Licence (s.35 Firearms Act 2024)

A Competition Licence can only apply to a firearm of category A, B, C or H.