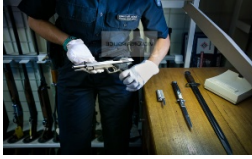


## Licensing & Regulation Division Quick Guide



### Importation and Exporting: Firearms, ammunition, parts, and accessories

The movement of firearms, firearm parts and accessories in and out of Australian territory is controlled by the Australian Border Force.

This guide is designed to provide information on the requirements you face when seeking to import or export firearms, ammunition, parts, or accessories (whether new or currently owned) and Victoria Police's role in this process.

## IMPORTATION

Prior to the release of any firearms, ammunition, parts or accessories to a Victorian resident, Border Force requires Victoria Police to certify either that you are appropriately licensed to receive such an item; or that the item does not require a licence to be held. There are no fees for requesting Victoria Police certification, however, applying for a permit to acquire a new firearm attracts a processing fee.

To receive certification from Victoria Police, you must follow the steps listed below.

## OWNED FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, PARTS OR ACCESSORIES

To bring firearms, ammunition, parts, or accessories you already own into Australia you must:

- Submit a completed 'Application for Police Confirmation for the Importation of Firearms and Parts' (B709A) form 28 days prior to requiring the import permit.
- Provide Victoria Police with the full details of the firearm(s), ammunition parts, or accessories which are to be brought into Australia.

Detailed information about the specifications and quantity of the following need to be provided:

- Ammunition – for example the number of rounds, the type (e.g., Centrefire, Rimfire, Air, Shotgun or Paintball) and calibre (e.g., 38 Super, 9mm luger etc).
- Reloading – precise details of the components.
- Magazines – calibre & capacity.
- Stocks – type of material (eg. timber or synthetic).
- Barrels – calibre and length in millimetres.

**Providing this information is necessary to avoid any processing delays and/or your application being returned.**



## Importation and Exporting: Firearms, ammunition, parts, and accessories

If you wish to bring new firearms, ammunition, parts, or accessories into Australia you must:

- Hold a current firearm licence of the Category of firearm, ammunition, part, or accessories you wish to import.
- Submit a completed 'Application for Police Confirmation for the Importation of Firearms and Parts' form 28 days prior to requiring the import permit.
- Provide Victoria Police with the full details of the firearm(s), ammunition, parts, or accessories which are to be brought into Australia.
- Submit a completed Victoria Police Permit to Acquire Application form for each new firearm.

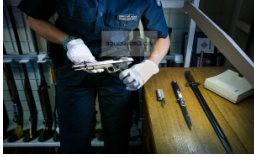
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**Note:** If you wish to import a Category C shotgun for the purpose of clay target shooting, you must obtain written permission from the Federal Attorney-General's Department in addition to submitting a completed Victoria Police 'Application for a Permit to Acquire' form. Any ammunition, parts or accessories imported for the same purpose must also be approved by the Attorney-General's Department.

Ammunition, parts, or accessories imported for a Category C shotgun for the purpose of primary production do not require authorisation from the Attorney-General's Department.



## Importation and Exporting: Firearms, ammunition, parts, and accessories

### EXPORTATION

The permission to export firearm(s), parts or accessories is issued by Border Force on behalf of the Department of Defence.

If you wish to export your own firearm(s), ammunition, parts, or accessories, you require a 'Restricted Goods Permit' which is issued by Border Force. If the exported article(s) will not be brought back into Australia, you must advise Victoria Police's Licensing & Regulation Division (LRD) in writing and provide a copy of the relevant export documentation.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Will Border Force release a firearm that has never been registered in Victoria to a licence holder other than a dealer?**

No. Border Force only releases unregistered firearm(s) to Licensed Firearm Dealer (LFD). If your firearm is unregistered, you will need to nominate a Victorian LFD to act as your agent and collect your item from Border Force. In this case, Victoria Police will forward the 'Police Certification and Confirmation' or import permit authority to the LFD and the approved Permit to Acquire to the licence holder.

#### **Can I borrow a friend or relative's firearm to take overseas and compete in an overseas competition?**

Yes, but you must provide LRD with written authorisation from the registered owner to do so in addition to a completed Application for Police Confirmation for the Importation of Firearms and Parts.

#### **Can I import firearms, ammunition, parts, or accessories for a friend or family member?**

No. You cannot import on behalf of a third party. Border Force will not release imported articles where the name on the 'Police Confirmation and Certification' or import permit authority does not match the name of the importer.



## Importation and Exporting: Firearms, ammunition, parts, and accessories

### Are there any limitations on what ammunition, parts, and accessories I can import?

Border Force will seize any stocks which are collapsible, foldable, or telescopic. Only fixed, one-piece stocks can be imported. You can only import firearm ammunition, parts, and accessories for the category of firearm licence you hold.

### Will any officials other than Border Force officials need to see my permission to import?

Certain countries do not allow firearms, ammunition, parts, or accessories to be exported without proof that you have received permission from Australian authorities to import the item(s). In this case, you must provide the relevant overseas authorities with a Certified Copy of the Victorian 'Police Confirmation and Certification' or import permit authority. If you require a Certified Copy of this permit, you will need to request it when you apply for the permit.

All Victorian Police firearm forms can be accessed from Victoria Police's Licensing & Regulation Division via the Victoria Police website at: [www.police.vic.gov.au](http://www.police.vic.gov.au)

#### Forms for longarms and compatible ammunition, parts, and accessories:

- Application for Police Confirmation for the Importation of Firearms and Parts (Form B709A).
- Application for Permit to Acquire a Longarm (Form 337A).

#### Forms for handguns and compatible ammunition, parts, and accessories:

- Application for Police Confirmation for the Importation of Firearms and Parts (Form B709D).
- Application for Permit to Acquire a Handgun (Form 337B).

Completed Import Application forms should be forwarded to:

#### Licensing & Regulation Division

GPO Box 2807  
Melbourne Vic 3001  
Phone: 1300 651 645  
Email: [lrld@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:lrld@police.vic.gov.au)

Requests for permission to export should be forwarded to:

#### Australian Border Force

GPO Box 2809  
Melbourne Vic 3001

For exportation queries go to:

#### Australian Border Force

Website: [www.abf.gov.au/help-and-support/contact-us/overview](http://www.abf.gov.au/help-and-support/contact-us/overview)