

Overseas Competitors – Importation of a Firearm into Australia

Australian visitor visa entry requirements

For information about visa requirements when entering Australia, see:

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/travel/australian-visas>

To determine the type of visa you may require, see:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder>

If you are unable to determine if you require a visa to enter Australia or are unsure about the type of visa to apply for (if required), it is recommended you check with the Australian embassy in your country.

Competition entry invitation letter

To obtain a personal invitation letter, send an email request to

jason@shotgunsportsaustralia.com.au with your:

- Name
- Address
- Contact mobile number

The invitation letter will be sent back to your email address.

Bringing firearms to Australia

To bring firearms, ammunition, parts, or accessories you already own into New South Wales (NSW), Australia you will be required to apply for a number of permits.

Note: If your first port of arrival is not Sydney, in the state of New South Wales (NSW), refer to the Firearms Registry in the Australian State of arrival -

https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/139860/Interstate_Registry_Phones_October_2019.pdf

You must obtain permission to import firearms prior to the firearms arriving in Australia. Depending on the Category of firearm and the circumstance of the import, the state or territory police firearms and weapons registries or the Attorney-General's Department may grant permission.

Please Note – Semi Automatic shotguns are not allowed to be imported into Australia for any clay target event **not** run by the Australian Clay Target Association (ACTA). Overseas competitors are allowed to import break action shotguns only for Sporting Clays events.

For all general information and to access the required forms, refer to:

- The Australian Border Force website - <https://www.abf.gov.au/importing-exporting-and-manufacturing/prohibited-goods/categories/firearms>
- NSW Firearms Registry - https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/online_services/firearms/importing_firearms
https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/online_services/firearms/importing_firearms/individual_importing_firearms_or_weapons

Step 1 – Registering as a client in the Integrated Cargo System

If it's your first time importing/exporting a firearm into Australia, you need to complete a B319 form to get an Integrated Cargo system ID (CCID number) through Australia Border Force. See [B319 - Registering as a client in the Integrated Cargo System](#).

The CCID application can be completed at any time prior to your arrival in Australia. We suggest you do this as soon as you make the decision to attend our event.

The B319 needs to be completed prior to being issued a Restricted Goods Permit or Export Declaration Australian Border Force which occurs within 28 days of your return home.

Note: This form is used for all types of imported cargo and is not used solely for the importation of firearms, thus the form makes reference to the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Taxation Office.

- Attach copies of your proof of identity, and email both to:
mandexnsw@abf.gov.au

Step 2 – Application for Police Confirmation and Certification

Follow the NSW Firearm Registry guidelines to complete the

https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/file/0006/244806/B709_Application_ABC_Parts_Firearms.pdf

What is a B709 Police Confirmation & Certification?

The Police Confirmation and Certification informs the Department of Home Affairs that you are authorised to lawfully possess the item in NSW, or that no such authorisation is required in NSW to lawfully possess the item. The B709, when issued, is only a notification to the Department of Home Affairs that the importer has police permission to possess those goods in their state and is permitted to import the article. The Department of Home Affairs may still prevent import if the item does not meet other import requirements.

What are the B709 forms used for?

- B709A is used for firearms such as rifles, shotguns, paintball markers, BB guns, imitation firearms, antique handguns (pre 1900), general purpose ammunition and parts & accessories for all these items.
- B709B is used for certain controlled and prohibited weapons and articles (see separate fact sheet for weapons)
- B709D is used for handguns and handgun parts (except pre 1900 handguns)

The B709A form needs to accompany the B709 for those importing a break action ([Category A or B](#)) shotgun, See: [General Application to Import B709 for Individual or Business \(Non-Dealer\)](#) (PDF).

Step 3 – Application for a Firearms Permit

An application for a firearms permit is required and obtained by completing a

P634 Application for a Firearms Permit from the NSW Police:

https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/109770/P634_Firearms_Permit_Application.pdf

Step 4 – Application for an International Visitors Competition Permit - Legitimate Reason Form

An application for an International Visitors Competition Permit - Legitimate Reason form is required and obtained from the NSW Police Firearms Registry. It applies to those who are not residents of Australia and who intend to visit NSW for the purpose of competing in an organised shooting competition being conducted by an approved NSW shooting club (Mudgee Sporting Clays).

https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/222010/Intntnl_Visit_Leg_Reason.pdf

Step 5 – Gather Supporting document to accompany your application forms (4)

- Gather the following documents:
 - 4 x completed forms from Steps 2 – 4 above
 - Copy of your Invitation letter from Mudgee Sporting Clays for the Australian Open Sporting Clays Championships
 - Proof of Identity - Photo copy of your Passport info, Firearms licence (from your country), National Shooting Association membership
- Email forms x 4, identity and invitation letter to PERMITS@police.nsw.gov.au

You will receive 2 permits from NSW Police by email. This could take up to 6 weeks to receive:

- B709A
- NSW Police Firearms Permit

Print these 2 permits and present to Australian Border Force when you arrive in NSW (Sydney International Airport).

Step 6 – Completion of a Restricted Goods Permit (RGP) and Export Declaration (EDN)

To apply for an RGP:

- you must be a registered client in the Integrated Cargo System (ICS).

Prior to completing this process, you will have needed to complete Step 1 above.

If you are not a registered client in the Integrated Cargo System, you will need to complete [Registering as a Client in the Integrated Cargo System \(Form B319\)](#).

You will also need to provide 100 points of identification.

Exported goods on an RGP require an Export Declaration, regardless of the value of the goods.

- **Export Declaration**
- **Restricted Goods Permit:**

A passenger must obtain a Restricted Goods Permit (RGP) before departing Australia.

A RGP is valid for 28 days from the date of approval. It allows passengers to export a maximum of four lower risk firearms for the purpose of taking part in overseas sporting shooters events.

- **Restricted Goods Application Form - [Restricted Goods Permit \(RGP\)](#)**
- **B957 – Export Declaration - [Export Declaration \(Form B957\)](#)**
- Attach copies of your:
 - proof of identity,
 - entry permits (B709A and NSW Police Firearms Permit) and
- email both to: mandexnsw@abf.gov.au

You can submit both, the RGP & EDN forms up to 28 days prior to departing Australia on your return leg home.

We recommend competitors download, complete and submit these forms via email 28 days prior to departing for Australia.

- You will receive the RGP & EDN via email from Australian Border Force.
- Print these 2 permits and take them with you to Australia (they are also required upon your departure from Australia).

Step 7 - Overseas visitors – Leaving Australia (returning home)

Where an overseas visitor is exporting a firearm out of Australia, there is no requirement to present a proof of ownership document such as a firearm licence or certificate of registration. Documentation proving the bona fide use of the firearms in Australia, such as an **International (temporary) Visitor Permit** issued by the relevant State or Territory Police Firearms Registry, must be sighted and copied.

Prior to passing through security on your departure from Australia you are required to present these Australian Border Force signed forms (**Restricted Goods Permit & Export Declaration**) along with your **Visitors Permit (VP P634)** to Australian Border Force Office at the departing Airport. It is advisable to allow at least two hours extra prior to check in to finalise the export process. The Border Force office is located on the Ground level of departures at the Sydney International airport.

Note: New Zealand residents also need a NZ Police permit to re-enter NZ with a firearm. Refer to the NZ Police website for more information about this process.

For more information about the import/export process, see

<https://www.abf.gov.au/importing-exporting-and-manufacturing/prohibited-goods/restricted-goods-permit>