

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SHOOTERS WISHING TO RETURN AFTER THE 5 YEAR ABSENCE:**

*The information below has been forwarded to QAPSA by Inspector Mike Crowley. All the information below is a direct quote from Inspector Crowley's email.*

*'Persons seeking to obtain a Concealable Firearms Licence for sports or target shooting (pistol club) after exiting sport for 5 years upon receipt of compensation for surrendered category H weapons and licence.*

*A person who has **maintained continuous membership** of a shooting club endorsed for category H (pistol club) from July 1 2003 to the time of application is eligible to apply for a concealable firearms licence for sports or target shooting the day after the 5 year anniversary of the surrender of their concealable firearms licence and signature of the approved form accepting compensation (section 68K of the Weapons Act Regulation 1996).*

*The person on application must comply with the requirements of section 18B (1) of the Weapons Act 1990 and provide a declaration from their pistol club declaring that:*

- 1. the applicant holds current membership of the pistol club; and*
- 2. the applicant has been a member of the pistol club for the 6 month period immediately before the declaration is made; and*
- 3. the applicant has participated in at least 3 handgun shooting competitions during that 6 month period.*

*A person who has **not maintained continuous membership** of a shooting club endorsed for category H from July 1 2003 to the time of application must have become a member of a pistol club in compliance with section 98B of the Weapons Act 1990.*

*As at July 1 2003 a person cannot apply for membership of an approved pistol club unless the person submits with their application for club membership the following information:*

- 1. if the person is not a licensee, a current 'Statement of Eligibility' from the Queensland Police Service (Weapons Licensing Branch), that the person is a fit and proper person to hold a licence; and*
- 2. 2 character references from persons the applicant has known for at least 2 years; and*
- 3. a declaration from the applicant detailing any current membership of other approved shooting club/s or that the person is not a current member of any other approved shooting club.*

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- 1. the applicant holds current membership of the pistol club; and*
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