



# QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE



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## NEWSLETTER 02/05

### CHANGE OF PREMISES FOR WEAPONS LICENSING BRANCH

Weapons Licensing Branch (WLB) is moving to new accommodation on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2005. Our new premises will be 46 CHARLOTTE STREET, BRISBANE, QLD.4000. To enable this relocation, services provided by WLB will be limited as per the following schedule:

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|----------|-------------|-------------------|
| Thursday | 24/11/2005: | Limited Services  |
| Friday   | 25/11/2005: | CLOSED            |
| Saturday | 26/11/2005: | CLOSED            |
| Sunday   | 27/11/2005: | CLOSED            |
| Monday   | 28/11/2005: | Limited Services  |
| Tuesday  | 29/11/2005: | Normal operations |

Your patience during this period is appreciated. We are unable to retain the same telephone numbers at the new premises, new telephone numbers have been allocated. The new primary telephone numbers as at Tuesday 29 November 2005 will be:

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| (07) 3015 7777 | WLB Switch Operator                          |
| (07) 3015 7788 | WLB Fax (general enquiries, PTA, dealers)    |
| (07) 3015 7766 | WLB Fax (new applications, licence renewals) |

### **ALL CURRENT PHONE AND FAX NUMBERS TO THE WEAPONS LICENSING BRANCH WILL CEASE AT 5.00PM THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2005.**

The Postal Address for WLB will remain as GPO Box 892 Brisbane 4001.

### NEW FEES

In June 2002 approval was granted by the Police Minister for Weapons Licensing Fees to be subject to a yearly increase in line with the Consumer Price Index. The first of these increases occurred on 18 December 2003, and the last being on 1 November 2004.

Weapons Licensing Branch has been advised that a further fee increase has now been approved, effective from 14 October 2005. The new licence fee structure will affect all Weapons Act Licence, Permit and Approval applications.

Effective from this date all Weapons Act Licence, Permit and Approval applications will be subject to the fee increase, including licence renewals, regardless of the fee printed on renewal forms. All further renewal packages being forwarded will reflect the new increase.

Please find schedule of the new fee structure attached for your information.

The maximum fee for brokerage is still \$10.00 plus GST.

## **DEALERS SECTION**

A specialised 'Dealers Section' has been trialled and successfully implemented in WLB. The section is overseen by a supervisor who co-ordinates the processing of all Form 10's, Form 31's and Annual Returns. Please ask the switch operator to speak to a staff member in the 'Dealers Section' should you have any enquiries.

## **PTA APPLICATIONS WITHOUT DISPOSER DETAILS**

In the previous newsletter it was announced that a new procedure was initiated for a trial period, whereby persons submitting applications for Permit to Acquire (PTA) with no disposer details were being asked to do so.

The trial has been proven successful and has now been implemented as standard procedure.

Since introduction there has been a 50% increase in the number of disposer details and serial numbers provided with PTA applications. This in turn leads to better quality data recording when finalising the PTA's, ensuring the correct weapon is selected and reducing the risk of duplicated weapon history.

It is accepted however, that in some circumstances disposer details can not be provided. Applicants should provide on their application for PTA a 'reasonable excuse', such as shopping around at various dealers for a specific weapon, or attending an approved arms fair.

## **CERTIFICATES OF INOPERABILITY – FORM 31's**

Any weapon entered into a register by a licensed armorer to be inspected or rendered permanently inoperable, must also complete and send a corresponding form 10 indicating the acquisition of the weapon, regardless of the Category of the weapon.

It is requested that when licensed armourers submit a Form 31 Certificate of Inoperability, the corresponding Form 10 number is written on the Form 31. This will allow Dealers Section to better track down the correct weapon and save your time answering queries.

A reminder that all Category D, H and R weapons, either inspected or rendered permanently inoperable by a licensed Armourer, are still considered weapons under legislation and must be registered to an appropriate licence. A form 10 must be submitted for the disposal of these weapons.

## **DESTRUCTION OF FIREARMS**

A small change has been effected to the QPS Policy in relation to the destruction of firearms by licensed dealers or armourers. The change is:

### **Category A B C M Weapons (including crossbows)**

If destroying the weapon – a form 10 must be completed and forwarded advising the date, place and method of **how** the weapon was destroyed and **must** be signed by the nominee and not the employee.

## **LEGISLATION AMENDMENTS – AUTHORISED OFFICER CAN REQUEST SERIAL NUMBER**

Recent amendments to the *Weapons Act 1990* now allow an Authorised Officer to require a registered owner of a firearm to mark a serial number on the firearm.

At this time, all weapons recorded with a nil visible serial number will be dealt with as a special project in due course. Firearms held by dealers will be subject to initial action on commencement of this project.

The Authorised Officer must give the person a written notice to request the weapon be marked. No compensation is payable because of the requirement.

In the interim period, should yourself or another licence holder request you, to mark a serial number on a weapon, a number can be provided by WLB to mark the weapon. The stamping of serial numbers onto a flat surface of the receiver, closest to the trigger guard using a 3mm stamp is the preferred method. Any other method will be subject to WLB approval.

### **CLARIFICATION OF DEALERS REGISTER**

In response to a query from a dealer, the current version of the Form 16 Dealers Register contains a section in the left hand column to record the time of acquisitions. This is a requirement for Licensed Theatrical Ordnance holders only, as per section 25(b) of the *Weapons Regulation* 1996. You may choose however to use this section for your own purposes.

### **BLACK POWDER PISTOLS**

When describing black powder pistols on forms, it is important to differentiate between cartridge and non-cartridge.

Non-cartridge black powder pistols include muzzle loading and cap and ball. These handguns do not require the submission of barrel lengths for persons who hold concealable firearms licence for sports or target shooting.

Black powder pistols that take cartridge ammunition must provide barrel lengths.

### **REMINGTON 7615 .223 PUMP ACTION RIFLES WITH DETACHABLE 10 ROUND MAGAZINE**

The Authorised Officer has determined in the Public Interest that pump or lever action centre-fire rifles with a detachable magazine should not have a capacity greater than 10 rounds.

This is applicable in the case of Remington model 7615 .223 pump action rifles, where it has been identified that these firearms are capable of being fitted with an 'after market' magazine designed for the M16/AR15 which would increase the magazine capacity to 30 rounds.

Applicants for PTA for these weapons may be contacted by WLB in relation to a change in licence conditions to reflect this determination.

### **PREVIOUS DEALERS/ARMOURERS NEWSLETTERS**

Dealers/Armourers Newsletters contain important information for licensed dealers and armourers. Should you require any previous newsletters please telephone WLB and we shall forward them on to you.



**M J CROWLEY  
INSPECTOR  
MANAGER  
WEAPONS LICENSING BRANCH**

**Weapons Regulation 1996 Schedule 1 - Fees**Fees Effective  
14/10/2005

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| <b>1.</b> Application for licence  | 32.55  |
| <b>2.</b> Licence, or renewal of licence, for each year  |        |
| <b>(a)</b> armourer's licence  | 67.80  |
| <b>(b)</b> blank-fire firearms licence   | 10.75  |
| <b>(c)</b> collector's licence (heirloom)  | 10.75  |
| <b>(d)</b> collector's licence (weapons)   | 10.75  |
| <b>(e)</b> concealable firearms licence  |        |
| <b>(i)</b> for a pistol club member  | 16.25  |
| <b>(ii)</b> for anyone else  | 40.70  |
| <b>(f)</b> dealer's licence  |        |
| <b>(i)</b> for a licence that includes only category A or B or M weapons   | 135.85 |
| <b>(ii)</b> for a licence that includes only category C, D, E, H or R weapons  | 135.85 |
| <b>(iii)</b> for any other licence   | 271.80 |
| <b>(g)</b> firearms licence  | 10.75  |
| <b>(h)</b> firearms licence (instructor)   | 40.70  |
| <b>(i)</b> minor's licence   | 10.75  |
| <b>(j)</b> security licence (guard)  | 21.50  |
| <b>(k)</b> security licence (organisation)   | 271.80 |
| <b>(l)</b> theatrical ordnance supplier's licence  | 271.80 |
| <b>(m)</b> miscellaneous weapons licence   | 10.25  |
| <b>3.</b> Visitor's licence  | 33.90  |
| <b>4.</b> Replacement licence  | 27.00  |
| <b>5.</b> Permit to acquire  | 20.20  |
| <b>6.</b> Shooting club permit, for each year  | 40.70  |
| <b>7.</b> Approval   |        |
| <b>(a)</b> to conduct a shooting gallery, for each year  | 203.70 |
| <b>(b)</b> of a range for weapons target shooting  | 203.70 |
| <b>(c)</b> to conduct an arms fair   | 135.85 |
| <b>(d)</b> to transfer a collection of weapons to other premises..   | 67.80  |
| <b>(e)</b> to transfer a transferable licence  | 135.85 |
| <b>(f)</b> for an approved shooting club, to alter, modify or permit alteration or modification of actual firing range, butts of firing line in a material way | 203.70 |
| <b>8.</b> Exemption under section 2(1)(m) of the Act   | 54.10  |
| <b>9.</b> Amendment of conditions applying to an approval of a range for weapons target shooting   | 27.00  |
| <b>10.</b> Amendment of conditions applying to a shooting club permit  | 27.00  |