



International Sports Shooter test

Importing firearms and firearm-related articles

About this Test

The international sports shooter test is for people who wish to import restricted category C articles for use in competitions conducted in Australia, including the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games and Commonwealth Games.

Restricted category C articles are:

- semi-automatic shotguns (without a magazine or with a magazine having a capacity no greater than five rounds) and parts for same

OR

- pump action repeating shotguns (without a magazine or with a magazine having a capacity no greater than five rounds) and parts for same.

Before you apply

Before you submit an application, you should contact the relevant state or territory firearms registry to discuss local requirements and to ensure you are licensed or authorised to possess the article for your intended use.

You should also contact the [Australian Border Force](#) about its requirements.

Important

You **must** receive import permission from the Attorney-General's Department prior to importing the articles subject to this test.

If any articles arrive in Australia without import permission from the Attorney-General's Department, they may be subject to **seizure** and **destruction**. If you are issued with a Detention Notice by the

Australia Border Force, you **must** apply for import permission immediately as strict time limits apply.

Please be aware that possession of a firearms licence **does not** guarantee that import permission will be granted.

How to apply

There is no fee for making an application to the Attorney-General's Department for import permission or certification. Your application to import should be made in the same name that appears on the firearms licence (or exemption / authorisation) relevant to the articles sought to be imported. All export documents (where necessary) should also be in the same name.

Your application should include copies of documents addressing each of the numbered criteria under the 'Test Criteria' heading on page 2. The suggested documents listed in this fact sheet are indicative only, and in some cases other documents or evidence may be sufficient to satisfy the criteria.

Applications for import permission and certification **must** be made online using the [Application to import firearms or firearms-related articles form](#).

Test criteria

1. Clay target sole use

The articles you wish to import **must** be solely for use in clay target events. A statutory declaration advising this as your intended use will generally be sufficient.

2. Official events

Import permission can only be given for participation in the following events:

- Olympic Games
- Paralympic Games
- Commonwealth Games, or
- events organised by the Australian Clay Target Association.

You should provide sufficient information to show that you have registered or been invited to compete in the relevant event and that you will use the article you wish to import in that event.

3. Citizenship requirements

Only a person who is not Australian citizen or who is not lawful non-citizens under the Migration Act 1958 who holds a permanent visa under that Act can apply.

Supporting information for this criterion includes evidence of citizenship from a country other than Australia. This could be a passport issued by a country other than Australia, or a valid visa to enter Australia.

4. Licensed or authorised

You **must** be licensed or authorised in the relevant Australian state or territory in order to possess the imported articles for your intended use.

The Attorney-General's Department conducts its own checks to verify the intended use of the articles imported under this test.

Post import requirements

Your import permit will set out requirements relating to the use of the articles. These **must** be complied with. Failure to comply with any of the permit conditions is an offence under the *Customs Act 1901* and may result in prosecution and future applications for import permission being denied. Generally, these conditions are:

- the importer must use the article(s) solely to take part in the clay target event(s) specified in their application, and
- the importer must comply with all State and Territory requirements relating to the article(s).

Further Information

For further information, please refer to our Frequently Asked Questions on the [Firearms page](#) of the Attorney-General's Department website.

Contact us

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(Please reference your application number in the 'subject' field)