



Sports Shooter test

Importing firearms and firearm-related articles

About this Test

The sports shooter test and certification is for sports shooters who wish to import:

- 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 begin the application process, you should contact your 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.

Prior to commencing the application process, ensure you have electronic copies of the following documents ready to be uploaded (more information on these documents can be found on page 2):

- Valid Permit to Acquire
- Valid Firearms Licence
- Valid Australian Clay Target Association Membership
- Completed Medical Certification form, and
- Proof of Australian Citizenship.

How to apply

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

All export documents (when necessary) should also be in the same name. Your application should include copies of documents addressing each of the numbered criteria in this fact sheet.

The documents and evidence examples listed in this fact sheet are indicative only, and other documents or evidence may be accepted. Applications for import permission and certification **must** be made online using the [Application to import firearms or firearms-related articles form](#).

Important

You **must** receive import permission from the Attorney-General's Department prior to importing a firearm.

If your firearm arrives in Australia without import permission from the Attorney-General's Department, it 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 the possession of a firearms licence **does not** guarantee that import permission will be granted.

Test criteria

Registered shooter

You **must** be a registered shooter with the Australian Clay Target Association (ACTA) for this import test or certification. You should provide a copy of your current ACTA record card in support of this criterion.

NOTE: the firearm you intend to import/purchase must be in accordance with the ACTA Rules.

Citizenship requirements

You **must** be one of the following:

- an Australian citizen
- a lawful non-citizen under the *Migration Act 1958* who holds a permanent visa under that Act, or
- a New Zealand citizen who holds a special category visa under the *Migration Act 1958*.

Acceptable evidence of your Australian citizenship may include a certified copy of your current Australian passport, or a certified copy of an Australian birth certificate with a statutory declaration that you have not renounced your citizenship. In the case of a lawful non-citizen or New Zealand citizen, a certified copy of the relevant Australian visa will be accepted.

Licence or authorisation

You **must** be licensed or authorised in the relevant state or territory in order to possess the imported articles for your intended use. In some states and territories you may also be required to hold other licences or authorisations, such as a dealer's licence, armourer's licence, Commissioner's permit or a licence to import and store explosives (ammunition). Your application should contain details of all relevant licences and authorities.

Permit to acquire

In addition a firearms licence, you will need to provide a current permit to acquire (PTA) before import permission can be granted. A permit to acquire is a statement from the relevant state or territory firearms registry that you will be able to possess the specific article intended to be imported for use in clay target shooting.

NOTE: The Attorney-General's Department is unable to consider applications without a Permit to Acquire.

Clay target sole use

The articles **must** be for sole use in clay target events.

Your application should be accompanied by a detailed description of the firearm (or part) which will enable ACTA to confirm that the type of firearm is able to be used in clay target events.

A statutory declaration that you intend to use the articles for sole use in clay target events is also required.

Restricted category C firearm use and possession

Criterion a **or** b (below) **must** be satisfied.

- a) Articles required because of a lack of strength or dexterity

A registered medical professional **must** complete a medical certification form.

NOTE: Other medical certificates are **not** accepted.

- b) Possession and ACTA registered on 15 November 1996

Import permission or certification can be given where a person was a member of ACTA on 15 November 1996, and on that date they possessed a semi-automatic shotgun or pump action repeating shotgun for use in clay target events.

Evidence of membership with ACTA as at 15 November 1996 **must** be provided. You **must** also provide evidence showing that on that date you were in possession of a restricted category C firearm. Production of purchase receipts or a receipt of destruction from the relevant state or territory firearm registry will be accepted.

You should also include a statutory declaration that the restricted category C firearm you possessed as at 15 November 1996 was for use in clay target events. A registration certificate for the firearm will also assist your application.

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 as below.

- The importer must use the article(s) solely to take part in Australian Clay Target Association (ACTA) and ACTA-affiliated clay target events.
- 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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