

Queensland Arms Fairs



Set up Requirements

Safety, Security and Procedures

**Directions of the Licensee, Security and Management
must be followed**

Duty of Care

- Your tables and the immediate area your responsibility
- Management is not responsible for losses and damage
- **"I did not know" will not be accepted.**
- If in doubt ask the licensee.

Dealers on attending

- Check in with management/security
- Collect and wear your vendor tags
- Tags will not be given out in mass
- Read the Rules
- Management recommends that your respective licenses are also worn.



Set up

- Secure firearms, knives ammunition first before setting up other stock.
- Do not leave unattended during set up
- Set up is from 9am Friday before the event.
- **Early set up Thursday afternoon by arrangement only – those assisting with set up of table will be given preference.** NO firearms or Ammunition may be stored overnight. On early bump in.

During the event

- Do not leave tables unattended.
- Solo operators have someone with appropriate licenses to secure your area.
- Report any suspicious behaviour.
- All sales must be receipted.

Close Down

- Secure firearms, knives ammunition first before dismantling other stock.
- Do not leave unattended during close down
- Gates will not be opened until firearms, knives, ammunition are secure.
- Return your ID tag.

All sites will be inspected regularly.

Firearms Sales

- All persons selling or handling Firearms or Ammunition must be licensed. This includes customers.
- Customers must have the appropriate license – ie Cat H to handle cat H.
 - Customers must not be permitted to handle firearms (no matter how lightly handled) until weapons license has been sighted and acknowledged.
- The Arms Fair sets out certain requirements for Licensed and Private sellers.
 - This includes Arms Fair Approval and relevant exemption
- Licensed Dealers Must be in possession of their exemption and comply with the requirements.
- Dealer Associates must be WLG approved (firearms sales only)
- Private sellers are covered by the associated exemption to the event.
- Private sellers must own the respective stock (no third party sales)
- Cat D Licenses Dealers only – **MUST BE MADE TEMPORARILY INOPERABLE** (trigger Lock)
- Dealers (including private sales and collectors) must have a full list of the firearms
- All dealers must provide the number of arms to the manager. IE 5 cat H, 5 Cat B
- At event set up. Firearms and display must be promptly secured.
- **Dealers (including private) Must have thorough knowledge of weapons categories.**
- Signage is required as per arms fair conditions.
- Cables must be secured to table.
- Zip Ties (preferably coloured) to all working parts.
- **Dealer site must be manned with appropriately licensed staff. (every person must have license to cover every firearm on site)**
- **Site must not be left unattended.**
- Dealers must be aware of condition codes associated with that license. **Minors firearms licenses cannot be used for any sales.**
- Dealers associates are permitted – it will be taken that dealers have lodged relevant documents with WLB.
- Licenses Dealers – Like for Like is permitted subject to WLB requirements.

Deactivated Weapons

- Dealers must have appropriate licenses where required.
- Category ABC No license is required to buy or sell.
- Category DMHR can only be sold on a collectors license to a person holding a collectors license. A PTA is required.
- Age verification is required
- Dealers must be in possession of Deactivated Certificate form 31.
- The deactivated weapons must comply with that certificate and deactivation standards. **To sell, deactivation must comply with the current standard of deactivation.**

Replica, Toys and Gel Blasters

- Require similar requirements, however licensing is not required.
- Age verification is required
- Must be Secured (tethered)
- Toy guns must be obviously toys
- Replica and Gel blasters MUST be Secured
 - Toys must be distinguishable as toys
 - Training guns(green or any other colour) are replicas and must be secured.

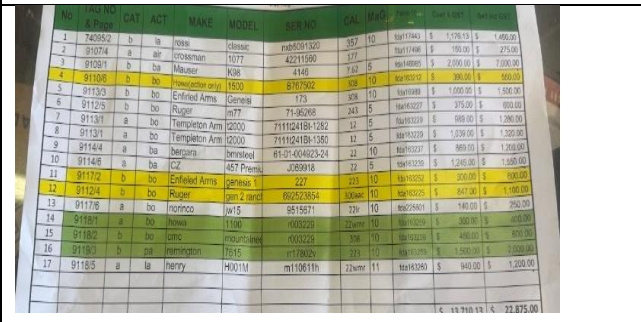
Miscellaneous and Restricted Weapons (WEAPONS CATEGORIES REGULATION 1997)

- Require similar requirements, however licensing may or may not require licensing.
- Dealers (including private) Must have thorough knowledge of weapons categories.
- Age verification is required
- May include handcuffs, batons, martial arts weapons.
- Dealers must seek advice from licensee.
- Must be secured or under glass.
- Prohibited Cat M Miscellaneous knives are NOT permitted.

Antique Firearms

- Require similar requirements, however licensing is not required.
- Age verification is required
- Dealers must provide paperwork to submit an antique questionnaire to Weapons Licensing
 - We recommend dealers supply a prepared copy of the antique questionnaire on every sale
- A list is not required but is recommended
- Dealers must have thorough knowledge of the firearms to support the requirements
 - Over 100 years
 - Percussion Cap or flintlock
 - Obsolete Caliber

Display set up (everyone)

	Firearms secured on Racks or Tables Chains, cables may be used The Rack must be secured to a fixed object eg table
	Actions and moving parts secured with Zip Ties. Bright coloured are preferable. Note the individual security chain. Handguns zip tie behind the trigger recommended. Handgun may also be stored under glass(locked Case)
	Cables must be secured on a table or other fixed object. Security locks and cables is the responsibility of the store holder.
	Signage must prominent. The wording on the sign must be exactly as the arms fair permit. Signage is the responsibility of the store holder. Signage can be purchased from CQ scopes
	All Sellers must have a list of all firearms The list is the responsibility of the store holder. Must Category, Serial Number Make, Model Calibre Mag Capacity Any additional information is up to the seller ie price

Ammunition Sales

- Ammunition is stored at events by virtue of a Explosives Permits.
- Ammunition may only be **sold** by persons who hold an Authority
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 - Weapons Dealers License
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- Ammunition cannot be purchased from an unlicensed persons (ie person walking in to sell ammunition)
- **Primers and Powder cannot be sold at an Arms Fair.**
- The authority must be verified or recorded as per sect 43a of the explosives act (a sales guide for ammunition is also available.
- Where a license cannot be verified details must be recorded in the approved format.
- If in doubt – then do not sell.



Ammunition must be secured so that unauthorized person can not get access

Bulk ammunition may be stored in the sellers secure area.

Displays do not need to be elaborated ie a cage will suffice.

Prohibited Symbols

- This legislation has been around for some time. Its very confusing and there is no real guidance provided.
- It is prohibited to sell an item with Swastika, SS or other prohibited symbol.
- Legislation is both state and federal.
- Prosecution is possible.
- There are possible exemptions – dealers need to comply with those exemptions.

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Magazines and Parts

- Major component parts require a dealers license.
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- Minor parts (stocks etc) do not require and special licenses.
- An authority to purchase must be produced – Weapons License
- Category C, D and R magazines purchasers must have appropriate license ie Collectors
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	Lockable case is preferable May be as simple as a container with a lid
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Knives and Blades

- New legislation in 2024
- Min age is 18 to purchase.
- Production of a license may be required
- Legislation – Section 51 of the weapons act and other legislation
- Knife examples (to avoid any confusion)

 Knives with one single-sided blade, such as: • Kitchen or steak knife • Utility knife or box-cutter • Fishing knife • Craft scalpel • Cut throat razor • A single-sided knife within a multi-tool or kit A specific list of items are identified: • A dagger that has a double-edged blade • A knife (or multi-tool) with a blade at each end • A sword • A machete • An axe or tomahawk • A sickle or scythe • A spear gun or spear Note: additional blades items can be prescribed through negotiation	○ Axe, Machete ○ Sword, Bayonet ○ Pocket knife ○ Hunting style (including bush, utility) ○ Chef ○ Throwing ○ Combat The list is not limited Knives in hang cell or boxes must still be secured.
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- Secured means
 - under glass Diagram 1
 - Tethered to table (steel and ties) Diagram 2 and 3
 - Behind counter (well out of reach- IE hung on wall or display stand)
- Miscellaneous Prohibited knives (weapons act) Butterfly, star knife – not to be sold or possessed under any circumstances

- Information can be found at the Weapons License Website or

<https://www.police.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/2024-07/End-Knife-Violence-Guide-for-Sellers-Booklet1.pdf>

	Diagram 1 Knives in a display case A Metal Mesh cage is also acceptable Cabinets can be hired (booked in advance is a requirements. Additional Approval- Clear sheet of PVC rolled over the top of displays- Stock is visible but cannot be assessed (unless removed by dealer)
	Diagram 2 On a bench secured to a cable
	Diagram 3 Blades on a stand with individual cables or custom locking systems
	Proof of age must be sighted. Signage is the responsibility of the store holder. Signage can be purchased from CQ scopes

Other Safety Considerations

Dealers are reminded of their safety and security obligations.

Unauthorised Persons on Site

- Dealers are requested to be mindful of unauthorized persons
- Report such persons immediately

Third Party Deliveries

- Management must be advised in advance
- No Firearms or Ammunition (unless from arranged wholesaler).
- Vendors must be onsite to accept
 - Management and security will not look after vendor's stock
- Delivery Agents must report to Security and be signed

Vehicle on site -Where permitted on the floor

- Hazard Lights on
- Load and unload quickly
- Do not unnecessarily congest lane ways
- Move vehicle out of area promptly
- Don't try and fit where you cannot.
- Be aware of tight corners

Forklift – (where available)

- Used by approved and licensed operators

Electricity Points – ground, wall and Air

- Use cable Guards
- Tape Cables down
- Do not overload
- Consider your equipment's suitability for onsite use

Protrusions – Displays, Advertising, Awnings

- Must not hinder patrons and vendors