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Dear Chair

I respectfully request that the Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation investigate the recent increases in fees and charges by Western Australia Police as they relate to firearm application fees. A copy of the fee schedule is attached for your information.

In particular, the Firearm Licence – Noting Fee has risen by 134% to \$169.50 for the addition of a new firearm to an existing licence and for each existing licensee to co-licence a single firearm. The fee for an addition to a licence is \$9.20 in Victoria and \$40 in New South Wales. Copies of fee schedules for Victoria and New South Wales are attached for your information.

Some members of the Committee may be aware that in 2010/2011, PricewaterhouseCoopers was contracted to conduct a thorough and exhaustive audit of all WA Police services and activities as background to a Value for Money Review. This Cabinet-in-confidence review examined every opportunity to identify economic efficiencies across services, fleet, staff and rostering, IT, overtime, level of duties etc. etc.

The review did identify avenues of savings including the potential to save relatively small amounts of up to several hundred thousands of dollars in several service areas.

At no time, did the outcome of this major review make any reference to cost savings or efficiencies to be made within the Firearm Licensing Division.

Therefore, it is not unreasonable to assume that, at the very least, cost recovery was being met. Had firearm licensing been subsidised, as is now being claimed, there is little doubt that this would have been identified by an eminent firm such as PricewaterhouseCoopers. Indeed, with the pressure, at that time, to identify and



implement efficiencies, it is difficult to accept that WA Police would not have volunteered that any non-emergency service was being subsidised.

The table below demonstrates the increase in fees and charges, using the Firearm Licence – Noting Fee as an example

Year	Fee	Comment
2008	\$ 28.00	
2009	\$ 28.00	
2010	\$ 70.00	This rise reflects the costs associated with outsourcing applications to Australia Post.
2011	\$ 72.50	Likely reflects CPI rise despite pressure to find efficiencies. No adjustment following the Value for Money Review
2012	\$ 72.50	No adjustment following the Value for Money Review
2013	\$169.50	No increase in services, infrastructure, IT etc. Huge pressure across the agency to find efficiencies

Additional concerns relate to the license holders bearing the costs of operational matters, such as the revocation of licences on various grounds including faults in the licensing process and convictions (unrelated to firearms) that lead to assessments that affect a licence holders fitness.

I would appreciate the opportunity of attending any hearings that the Committee may deem appropriate.

Yours sincerely



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Firearms licence fees (2013/2014 fees applicable from 1 July 2013)		
Individual Firearm Licences	2012/2013	2013/2014
Firearms Licence - Original Issue (1 Year)	\$159.20	\$246.30
Firearms Licence - Renewal (1 Year)	\$45.70	\$51.80
Firearms Licence - Noting Fee	\$72.50	\$169.50
Collector's Licence	2012/2013	2013/2014
Collector's Licence - Original Issue (3 Years)	\$247.30	\$316.30
Collector's Licence - Renewal (3 Years)	\$45.70	\$57.80
Collector's Licence - Noting Fee	\$72.50	\$179.20
Corporate Licence	2012/2013	2013/2014
Corporate Licence - Original Issue (1 Year)	\$389.50	\$403.00
Corporate Licence - Renewal (1 Year)	\$109.70	\$117.00
Corporate Licence - Noting Fee	\$72.50	\$179.20
Dealer's Licence	2012/2013	2013/2014
Dealer's Licence - Original Issue (1 Year)	\$398.50	\$414.30
Dealer's Licence - Renewal (1 Year)	\$100.90	\$107.60
Repairer's Licence	2012/2013	2013/2014
Repairer's Licence - Original Issue (1 Year)	\$389.50	\$414.30
Repairer's Licence - Renewal (1 Year)	\$76.80	\$84.10
Manufacturer's Licence	2012/2013	2013/2014
Manufacturer's Licence - Original Issue (1 Year)	\$389.50	\$414.30
Manufacturer's Licence - Renewal (1 Year)	\$76.80	\$84.10
Shooting Gallery Licence	2012/2013	2013/2014
Shooting Gallery Licence - Original Issue (1 Year)	\$254.50	\$289.10
Shooting Gallery Licence - Renewal (1 Year)	\$80.90	\$87.90
Ammunition Collector's Licence	2012/2013	2013/2014
Ammunition Collector's Licence - Original Issue (5 Years)	\$247.20	\$289.10
Ammunition Collector's Licence - Renewal (5 Years)	\$59.40	\$60.10
Miscellaneous Fees	2012/2013	2013/2014
Safe Custody Fee*	\$154.66*	\$154.66*
Temporary Permit Fee	\$56.40	\$56.30
Duplicate Firearms Licence	\$32.10	\$32.00
Photographic Licence Cards	\$20.00	\$20.10
Infringement Fine	\$421.00	\$421.00
All prices are GST free (except where stated)		
*Subject to GST		



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# FIREARMS REGISTRY

## Schedule of Fees

Fees prescribed by the *Firearms Act 1996*, the *Firearms Regulation 2006*, the *Weapons Prohibition Act 1998* and the *Weapons Prohibition Regulation 2009*

INDIVIDUAL LICENCE FEES	TERM	FEE	WHERE TO PAY
CATEGORY A, B, C, D or H LICENCE	2 YRS	\$100	Pay at the RMS when licence is produced
CATEGORY A, B, C, D or H LICENCE	5 YRS	\$200	Pay at the RMS when licence is produced
FIREARMS COLLECTOR LICENCE	5 YRS	\$75	Pay at the RMS when licence is produced
PROBATIONARY PISTOL LICENCE	1 YR	\$100	Pay at the RMS when licence is produced
PROVISIONAL PISTOL LICENCE / SECURITY	1 YR	\$250	Pay at the RMS when licence is produced

**FEE EXEMPTIONS - PENSIONERS** Category A, B, H & Probationary Pistol Licence ONLY

**FEE EXEMPTIONS - PRIMARY PRODUCERS** category A, B or C where primary production is the sole genuine reason held on the licence

ADDING CATEGORY A,B,C,D,G TO EXISTING LICENCE	N/A	\$40	Pay at the RMS when licence is produced
ADD COLLECTING TO EXISTING LICENCE	N/A	\$40	Pay at the RMS when licence is produced
ADDING CATEGORY H TO EXISTING LICENCE	N/A	\$100	Pay at the RMS when licence is produced
DUPLICATE LICENCE	N/A	\$75	Pay at the RMS when licence is produced

**PRIMARY PRODUCERS & PENSIONERS** who are afforded an exemption on the initial or subsequent licence are exempt from a fee for a duplicate licence.

**ANY COMPOSITE LICENCE** - the higher fee applies.

**ALL RE-APPLICATIONS ATTRACT THE SAME FEE AS THE INITIAL LICENCE** except a firearms collector licence where the re-application is \$40.

**NO FEE APPLIES** to a change of residential or safe storage address on an individual licence.

BUSINESS LICENCE FEES	TERM	FEE	WHERE TO PAY
BUSINESS/CLUB/GOVERNMENT AGENCY	2 YRS	\$100	Pay with application to Firearms Registry
BUSINESS/CLUB/GOVERNMENT AGENCY	5 YRS	\$200	Pay with application to Firearms Registry
FIREARMS DEALER LICENCE	5 YRS	\$500	Pay with application to Firearms Registry
THEATRICAL ARMOURER LICENCE	5 YRS	\$500	Pay with application to Firearms Registry
CLUB ARMOURER LICENCE	5 YRS	\$100	Pay with application to Firearms Registry
ADDING CATEGORY ABCD TO EXISTING LICENCE	N/A	\$40	Pay with application to Firearms Registry
ADDING CATEGORY H TO EXISTING LICENCE	N/A	\$100	Pay with application to Firearms Registry
DUPLICATE LICENCE BUSINESS	N/A	\$75	Pay with application to Firearms Registry

**NOTE: CHANGE OF LICENCE HOLDER** on any licence requires a new application to be made.

MISCELLANEOUS	TERM	FEE	WHERE TO PAY
EMPLOYEE AUTHORITY	N/A	\$25	Pay with application to Firearms Registry
RANGE APPROVAL	5 YRS	\$100	Pay with application to Firearms Registry
CLUB APPROVAL	N/A	NIL	N/A
CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION - FIREARMS ONLY	N/A	\$100	To police upon request
FIREARM REGISTRATION - PP & PENSIONER EXEMPT	N/A	\$10	Pay with application to Firearms Registry
FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR AUTHORITY	5 YRS	\$75	Pay with application to Firearms Registry

**PRIMARY PRODUCERS & PENSIONERS ARE AFFORDED AN EXEMPTION FROM THE FEE TO REGISTER A FIREARM**

PERMIT TO ACQUIRE (PTA) FEES	TERM	FEE	WHERE TO PAY
PERMIT TO ACQUIRE LONGARM OR HANDGUN	90 DAYS	\$30	Pay with application to Firearms Registry
DUPLICATE PERMIT TO ACQUIRE	90 DAYS	\$30	Pay with application to Firearms Registry

**PERMIT TO ACQUIRE fee exemptions apply to pensioners and primary producers on all categories of firearms.**

PERMIT FEES	TERM	FEE	WHERE TO PAY
OPERATE SAFARI TOURS	5 YRS	\$500	Pay with application to Firearms Registry
CONDUCT PAINTBALL GAMES	5 YRS	\$500	Pay with application to Firearms Registry
FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR PERMIT	5 YRS	\$75	Pay with application to Firearms Registry
TRANQUILLISER FIREARM	5 YRS	\$100	Pay with application to Firearms Registry
AMMUNITION PERMIT	As specified	\$30	Pay with application to Firearms Registry
ALL OTHER FIREARMS PERMITS	5 YRS	\$75	Firearms Registry or RMS as instructed
DUPLICATE FIREARMS PERMIT	N/A	\$75	Firearms Registry or RMS as instructed
PROHIBITED WEAPONS PERMITS - ALL	5 YRS	\$127	Pay with application to Firearms Registry
AUTHORISED PERSONS - ON PW PERMIT	N/A	\$25	Pay with application to Firearms Registry
INSPECTION OF PREMISES FOR PW PERMIT	N/A	\$100	To police upon request
DUPLICATE PROHIBITED WEAPONS PERMIT	N/A	\$40	Pay with application to Firearms Registry

## FURTHER INFORMATION

All fees are listed in Australian dollars & no GST is applicable on any fee.

All individual licence fees are paid at the RMS when your photo licence is issued.

Most fees for permits are made at the time of application to the Firearms Registry.

See the FACT Sheets relevant to each permit type for further information on payment method.

Fees paid to the Firearms Registry can be paid by credit card, money order or cheque.

Cheques and money orders must be made payable to the NSW Police Force.

Credit card payment - we accept Visa or Mastercard. Include cardholder's name, signature, date of authorisation, complete card number and expiry date, type of card and the amount you authorise to debit.

Where insufficient funds are available for payment by cheque or credit card, your application will be delayed.

If a receipt is required for taxation purposes, please submit the request in writing.

**DO NOT SEND CASH** with any application requiring payment at Firearms Registry.

Submit payment with original applications only. **DO NOT FAX** applications.

If payment is made separately to the application, please include customer identification (name, licence/permit number) and phone number.

## FEE EXEMPTIONS

Proof of pensioner or primary producer status is required in order for a fee exemption to be processed.

**PRIMARY PRODUCTION - evidence required**

Letter from accountant verifying primary production

Primary Producer declaration

Notice of tax assessment

**PENSIONER - evidence required**

Centrelink Pensioner Card

Department of Veterans Affairs Card

**Firearms Registry**  
 Locked Bag 1 Murwillumbah NSW 2484  
 Phone 1300362562 - Refer to Finance Unit  
 Fax 0266708558  
 Email: [firearmsenq@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:firearmsenq@police.nsw.gov.au)



VICTORIA POLICE

## Firearms Licence and Permit Fees

Fee Unit Value 2013-2014 = \$12.84

Effective 1st July 2013

Licence Category	Duration	Natural Person	Body Corporate
Longarm Category A	5 Years	\$210.60	\$381.30
Longarm Category B	5 Years	\$243.30	\$381.30
Paintball Marker Licence	5 Years	\$210.60	\$381.30
Longarm Category C	3 Years	\$146.00	\$228.80
Longarm Category D	3 Years	\$228.80	\$367.10
Longarm Category E	3 Years	\$228.80	\$367.10
Handgun - Sporting/prescribed reason	3 Years	\$177.60	N/A
Handgun - Sporting/prescribed reason (<=20 guns)	3 Years	N/A	\$461.90
Handgun - Sporting/prescribed reason (>20 guns)	3 Years	N/A	\$919.90
Handgun - Security guard/prison guard/official	3 Years	\$276.20	N/A
Handgun - Security, prison etc(<=20 guns)	3 Years	N/A	\$461.90
Handgun - Security, prison etc(>20 guns)	3 Years	N/A	\$919.90
Handgun Category E	3 Years	\$268.50	\$406.40
Handgun - Possessing a handgun on behalf of a Junior	3 Years	\$177.60	\$446.10
Handgun - Provisional Handgun Licence	6 Months	\$49.30	N/A
Handgun - Provisional Handgun Licence	12 Months	\$98.60	N/A
Junior Licence	3 Years	\$47.40	N/A
Category 1 Firearms Collector	5 Years	\$308.80	\$611.80
Category 2 Firearms Collector	5 Years	\$368.50	\$466.70
Firearms Ammunition Collectors Licence	5 Years	\$150.90	\$308.80
Antique Handgun Collectors Licence	5 Years	\$308.80	\$611.80
Firearms Heirlooms Licence	5 Years	\$150.90	N/A
Firearms Dealer Cat A, B Longarms, General Cat Handguns	3 Years	\$1,152.90	\$1,610.50
Firearms Dealer Cat A to E Longarms, General Cat and Cat E Handguns	3 Years	\$1,610.50	\$1,843.60
Firearms Dealers Licence - (a) repairing Category A to E Longarms, General Category and Category E Handguns, (b) only selling Ammunition, (c) activities referred in both (a) and (b)	3 Years	\$691.00	\$919.90

Permit Types	Fee
Issue a Duplicate Licence	\$23.10
Permit to Acquire a Longarm	\$9.20
Permit to Acquire a Paintball Marker	\$9.20
Permit to Acquire a Handgun	\$46.10
Handgun security guard licence to possess, carry or use restricted ammunition	\$76.30
Display or theatrical armourer's permit	\$46.10
Permit to display firearms or ammunition collections	\$30.20
Permit to carry or use firearms held under a collectors licence	\$38.30
Permit to display firearms or ammunition collections - Approved Firearm Collector Clubs	\$30.20
Permit to carry or use firearms held under a collectors licence - Approved Firearms Collector Clubs	\$30.20
Silencer/prescribed item permit	\$76.30

Approval Types	Fee
Approval for Handgun target shooting club	\$167.20
Approval for Firearms collectors club	\$167.20

\*The holder of a category B licence is authorised to use category A longarms for the reason for which the category B licence was issued.