



New South Wales

# Firearms (General) Amendment (Safety Training Courses) Regulation 2006

under the

Firearms Act 1996

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Firearms Act 1996*.

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Minister for Police

## Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to amend the *Firearms (General) Regulation 1997* for the following purposes:

- (a) to prescribe, for the purposes of the *Firearms Act 1996* (**the Act**), the Firearms Licence Qualification Course as a firearms safety training course that may be completed by a licence applicant to satisfy the requirement that a licence applicant complete such a course (for firearms other than pistols),
- (b) to extend the category of organisations that may provide firearms safety training courses (for firearms other than pistols),
- (c) to provide that, in certain circumstances, a person who is undertaking a firearms safety training course is exempt from the requirement under the Act to be authorised by a licence to possess or use a firearm (other than a pistol).

This Regulation is made under the *Firearms Act 1996*, including sections 10, 11, 32 and 88 (the general regulation-making power).

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### **1 Name of Regulation**

This Regulation is the *Firearms (General) Amendment (Safety Training Courses) Regulation 2006*.

### **2 Commencement**

This Regulation commences on 17 April 2006.

### **3 Amendment of Firearms (General) Regulation 1997**

The *Firearms (General) Regulation 1997* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

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## Schedule 1 Amendments

(Clause 3)

### [1] Clause 96 Firearms safety training courses

Omit clause 96 (1). Insert instead:

- (1) Except as provided by subclause (2), the firearms safety training courses that are prescribed for the purposes of the Act are as follows:
  - (a) for firearms other than pistols—the course known as the Firearms Licence Qualification Course or any other approved course conducted by or on behalf of an approved person or body,
  - (b) for pistols—an approved course conducted by or on behalf of an approved pistol club.

### [2] Clause 109A

Insert after clause 109:

#### 109A Exemption relating to persons undertaking firearms safety training courses

- (1) This clause applies to any person who is undertaking the course known as the Firearms Licence Qualification Course or any other approved course conducted by or on behalf of an approved person or body.
- (2) The person or body conducting the course must record, in the approved form and manner, the following particulars:
  - (a) the name of any person to whom this clause applies,
  - (b) such other particulars as may be specified by the Commissioner.
- (3) A person to whom this clause applies is, during the period specified in subclause (4), exempt from the requirement under the Act to be authorised by a licence to possess or use a firearm (other than a pistol) if the person does so:
  - (a) while undertaking the course at approved premises, and
  - (b) except in such cases as may otherwise be approved—while under the direct supervision of a person who:
    - (i) is approved by the Commissioner under clause 96 (4) as a firearms licence qualification instructor, and
    - (ii) is appointed by the person or body conducting the course, and

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- (iii) is the holder of a licence that authorises the person to possess and use the firearm.
- (4) An exemption under this clause:
  - (a) commences when the person begins the firearms safety training course concerned at approved premises, and
  - (b) ends when that course is complete (or, if the person ceases the course at an earlier date, on that earlier date).

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