



New South Wales

Firearms (General) Amendment (Practising at Ranges) 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*.

CARL SCULLY, M.P.,
Minister for Police

Explanatory note

The objects of this Regulation are:

- (a) to expressly authorise the holder of a firearms licence issued for the purpose of recreational hunting/vermin control, primary production, vertebrate pest animal control or animal welfare to use a firearm at an approved shooting range for the purpose of sighting in or patterning the firearm, and
- (b) to remove the requirement that firearms safety training courses may only be conducted on premises that have been approved by the Commissioner of Police.

This Regulation is made under the *Firearms Act 1996*, including section 8 (3) and section 88 (the general regulation-making power).

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Firearms (General) Amendment (Practising at Ranges) Regulation 2006*.

2 Amendment of Firearms (General) Regulation 1997

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

Schedule 1 Amendments

(Clause 2)

[1] Clause 31A

Insert after clause 31:

31A Practising at approved ranges

- (1) The authority conferred by a licence issued for the genuine reason of recreational hunting/vermin control, primary production, vertebrate pest animal control or animal welfare extends to the use of a firearm by the licensee at an approved shooting range, on such occasions as may reasonably be required, for the purposes of:
 - (a) sighting in the firearm, which includes the sight alignment or tuning of the firearm, familiarisation with or testing of ammunition and practising on targets, or
 - (b) in the case of a shotgun—patterning the shotgun, which includes the adjusting or aligning of the shotgun, familiarisation with or testing of ammunition and practising on stationary or moving clay targets.
- (2) Nothing in this clause authorises:
 - (a) the holder of a licence referred to in this clause to participate in competitions or activities conducted by a shooting club that require the use of a firearm (except those activities referred to in subclause (1)), or
 - (b) the use of a shooting range otherwise than in accordance with the approval of the shooting range, including any conditions subject to which the approval was granted.
- (3) It is a condition of the approval of a shooting range under Part 8 that the holder of a shooting range approval:
 - (a) is to ensure that any person using the shooting range under this clause is supervised while doing so by a person appointed by the holder of the approval, and
 - (b) is to cause the following information to be recorded:
 - (i) the particulars of the licence of the person,
 - (ii) the category and calibre of the firearm being used, and
 - (c) is to make any such records available for inspection by a police officer or the Commissioner.

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(4) Subclause (3) extends to an approval in force as at the commencement of this clause.

[2] Clause 109A Exemptions relating to persons undertaking firearms safety training courses

Omit clause 109A (3) (a). Insert instead:

(a) while participating in the course, and

[3] Clause 109A (4) (a)

Omit “at approved premises”.

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