COMPETITOR FIREARM COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Taking target firearms to Norfolk Island

Part 1 explains Norfolk Island's external customs rules, dual ABF permits, and B709 approval.
Part 2 sets out the four-step process for travelling with competition shotguns and ammunition.

Australian Clay Target Association Logo

PART 1 Understanding mainland Australia & Norfolk Island border rules

You must hold TWO sets of ABF export permits (outbound & return) plus a Norfolk Island Police B709

Although Norfolk Island is an external Australian territory, it sits **outside the mainland Australian Customs zone** under the *Customs Act 1901*, and flights depart from the **Sydney and Brisbane International Terminals**. Taking up to 4 Category A competition shotguns requires an ABF export clearance to leave mainland Australia, a **B709 permit** approved by Norfolk Island Police to enter the island, and a **second, separate ABF export clearance** to bring your shotguns back out of Norfolk Island.

Carry a current passport (6+ months validity): Required for 100-point ABF export identity matching, smooth International Terminal clearance, and potential weather diversions to New Zealand. *(NZ competitors: obtain an NZ MFAT export permit at mfat.govt.nz, re-entry authority via firearmssafety.govt.nz, plus your Norfolk B709 and return RGP.)*

IMPORTANT — SUBMIT ABF RGPS 21 TO 28 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE: Obtain your CCID and Norfolk Island B709 early (6+ weeks out), but only email your two Restricted Goods Permits (RGPs) and Export Declarations to ABF **WITHIN 28 DAYS OF TRAVEL**. Because RGPs expire strictly 28 days after approval, ensure your return RGP remains valid on your flight date home.

PART 2 How to organise it, in order

1 Obtain your ABF Client ID (CCID) & Norfolk Island Police B709 approval

- Register in the ABF Integrated Cargo System via **Form B319** (with 100 points of ID) to obtain a **CCID**—or reuse your existing CCID if you have travelled overseas with firearms previously.
- Complete **only your personal details and firearm specifications** on the **B709** form and email it to Norfolk Island Clay Target Association (**niclaytarget@gmail.com**) to arrange Norfolk Island Police import sign-off.

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2 Lodge TWO sets of ABF RGPs & Export Declarations (21–28 days prior)

- Prepare **Set 1 (Leaving Australia)** and **Set 2 (Leaving Norfolk Island)**: each set requires a **Restricted Goods Permit (RGP)** (max 4 Cat A shotguns & 4,000 target rounds), **Form B957** (first shotgun only), and **Form B957A Supplementary Page** (additional shotguns & ammunition).
- Email both sets with your passport (100 points ID), State Firearms Licence, and Registration Certificates to ABF for your departure port to receive your Export Declaration Numbers (EDNs) prior to flying.

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3 Request Qantas firearm approval & pack to strict aviation standards

- Submit an online Dangerous Goods firearm/ammunition request via **qantas.com** (*Dangerous Goods → Ammunition and Firearms → Request Approval*) or through your travel agent at least 72 hours before travel.
- Pack shotguns unloaded and disassembled (or fitted with a trigger lock) in a locked hard case; pack factory-boxed cartridges (max 5 kg gross per passenger, Div. 1.4S) in a separate locked checked bag.
- Carry printed copies of both RGPs, both B957/B957A EDNs, approved Norfolk B709, State Licence, registrations, and passport.

4 Airport processing: International Terminal departure & Norfolk return sealing

- **Departing Sydney or Brisbane:** Go to the **International Terminal** 3 hours early. Present your outbound RGP, B957/EDN, passport, licence, and shotguns to ABF for physical serial verification before Qantas check-in.
- **Leaving Norfolk Island & Returning Home:** Present your **return RGP and B957/B957A** to ABF on Norfolk Island—officers verify the forms and **seal your gun case** for departure. Declare firearms on arrival back in Australia and present your stamped RGP/B957 paperwork to ABF.

FOUR THINGS THAT HOLD TRAVELLERS UP

✖ **Preparing only ONE set of ABF forms** (you must hold separate RGP & B957/B957A sets for leaving Australia AND leaving Norfolk Island)

✖ **Lodging RGPs too early or too late** (RGPs expire 28 days from approval—lodge 21–28 days out so the return RGP covers your flight home)

✖ **Listing extra guns or ammo on Form B957** (Form B957 is for your first shotgun only; use Form B957A for 2nd–4th guns & cartridges)

✖ **Going to Domestic or forgetting a passport** (Norfolk Island flights use International Terminals with full ABF border & ID checks)