COMPETITOR FIREARM COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Taking target firearms interstate to Western Australia

Part 1 explains WA Police Equivalent Authority Permits under the *Firearms Act 2024*.
Part 2 sets out the four-step process for travelling with shotguns and ammunition to WA.

PART 1 Understanding Western Australia firearm entry requirements

You must obtain an approved WA Equivalent Authority Permit prior to entering Western Australia

Bringing a competition shotgun into Western Australia is regulated under the *Firearms Act 2024* and *Firearms Regulations 2024* (which repealed the 1973 Act). Automatic mutual recognition does not apply—any person bringing an interstate-licensed firearm into WA must hold an approved **Equivalent Authority Permit (Regulation 213)** prior to crossing the WA border. Group permits are no longer issued.

Each competitor must apply individually, pass a WA Police probity check, pay the statutory permit fee (**$136** for up to 3 months), and carry their home-state licence, registration certificates, and proof of ACTA/WACTA competition entry.

IMPORTANT — APPLY AT LEAST 6 TO 8 WEEKS PRIOR TO TRAVEL: WA Police Licensing Services conduct mandatory probity checks on all permit applicants. Ensure your approved individual Equivalent Authority Permit is issued and printed before boarding flights or crossing into WA by road.

PART 2 How to organise it, in order

1 Apply for your WA Police Equivalent Authority Permit (Form LSF17)

- Download and complete **Permit Application Form LSF17** (and Identity Certificate LSF129 if required) from **wa.gov.au**.
- Attach copies of your home State Firearms Licence, government photo ID, firearm registration certificates, and WACTA/ACTA shoot entry.
- Submit exact shotgun details (make, model, action, gauge, barrel length, and matching serial number) with the $136 application fee.
- Lodge via email to WA Police Licensing Services (or post to Locked Bag 9, East Perth WA 6892) and print your written permit once approved.

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2 Verify firearm registration, WA legality & serial number accuracy

- Confirm all competition shotguns are actively registered in your name on your home State Firearms Registry and permitted under WA's 2024 laws.
- Check that serial numbers on your home registration, Form LSF17 permit, and airline declarations match your shotgun receiver letter-for-letter.
- Pack your physical plastic State Firearms Licence card, printed registration certificates, and approved WA Equivalent Authority Permit.

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3 Notify your airline and pack to strict domestic aviation standards

- Request Dangerous Goods / firearm approval directly with your airline (e.g. Qantas, Virgin Australia) at least 72 hours prior to departure.
- Pack your break-action shotgun unloaded (disassembled in its fitted case or fitted with a trigger lock) inside a heavy-duty, keyed/padlocked hard case.
- Pack ammunition (max 5 kg gross weight per passenger, Division 1.4S) in original factory boxes locked in a separate checked bag—never inside the gun case on Qantas/Virgin domestic flights unless specifically separated per carrier rules.

4 Airport processing & strict WA transit storage compliance (ss. 307–308)

- **Departing Home State:** Arrive 2 hours early. Present your gun case and licences at the airline service desk to complete firearm tags.
- **Arriving in Perth (WA):** Collect your firearm case in person at the Oversize Baggage desk upon presenting photo ID and licence/permit.
- **Strict WA Transit Storage (ss. 307–308, Firearms Act 2024):** In WA, firearms in transit must be unloaded, rendered inoperable (trigger/action lock or disassembled), stored separately from ammunition out of sight, and locked in a container fixed or padlocked to the vehicle structure—or placed in approved club/dealer storage when unattended.

FOUR THINGS THAT HOLD TRAVELLERS UP

✖ **Assuming automatic interstate recognition** (entering WA without an approved individual LSF17 permit is an offence; group permits ceased)

✖ **Loose or co-packed ammunition** (cartridges packed loose or inside the gun case cause airline check-in refusal)

✖ **Breaching WA 2024 vehicle transit laws** (gun cases in vehicles must be out of sight, separate from ammo, with trigger lock & anchored to vehicle)

✖ **Mismatched receiver/barrel serial numbers** (discrepancies between home registry, WA permit, and gun halt travel)