



FOI Request LEX 6171 – ACT 2025/26 firearms licencing data

This document has been created pursuant to s17 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth).

1. The total number of firearms license holders.

As at 9 July 2026*, there were 7434 firearms licence holders

**data is at 9 July 2026 as data is only able to be provided at a point in time and not backdated.*

2. A breakdown of firearm licenses by category.

- License category A&B – 6563
- License category C – 52
- License category D – Less than 5
- License category H – 915

3. A breakdown of firearm licences by genuine reason.

Licence & Permits from 01/07/2021 (5 years)*

Reason	Number
Animal Welfare	99
Approved Club Member – Sport/Target Shooting	3318
Approved Collector	28
Approved Paintball Range user	7
Business or Employment – Employment Use Only	48
Business or Employment – Government Agency	85
BUSINESS OR EMPLOYMENT - SECURITY (NON UNIFORM/CONCEALED)	129
BUSINESS OR EMPLOYMENT - SECURITY (UNIFORM/PUBLIC VIEW)	189
COMPOSITE ENTITY - APPROVED CLUB - POSSESSION ONLY	7
COMPOSITE ENTITY - BUSINESS - POSSESSION ONLY	7
COMPOSITE ENTITY - GOVERNMENT AGENCY - POSSESSION ONLY	Less than 5
COMPOSITE ENTITY - SECURITY (PROT.PERSONS/MONEY/PROP,TRANSPORT)	Less than 5
COMPOSITE ENTITY - SECURITY (TRANSPORT/PROT.MONEY/PERSONS)	6
COMPOSITE ENTITY - SECURITY TRAINING ONLY - POSSESSION ONLY	Less than 5
DISPLAY ONLY - PERMANENTLY INOPERABLE	22
DISPLAY ONLY - TEMPORARILY INOPERABLE	41
EXPORT OR IMPORT THE WEAPON	17
MANUFACTURE THE WEAPON	9
POSSESS OR USE THE WEAPON	21
POSSESSION AND USE	145
POSSESSION ONLY	30
POSSESSION OR USE OF FIREARMS IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED	32
PRIMARY PRODUCTION - FARMING/GRAZING/VERMIN CONTROL ACTIVITIES	54
RECREATIONAL HUNTING/VERMIN CONTROL - CONSENT REQUIRED	5377
REGISTRAR'S APPROVAL	24
SECURITY INDUSTRY INSTRUCTION	Less than 5
TEST, REPAIR OR MODIFY THE WEAPON	20
TRAINING	197
VERTEBRATE PEST ANIMAL CONTROL - COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT	134

** Data is over 5 year period as licences and permits are granted for 5 years.*



4. The total number of registered firearms, broken down by category*.

A- 10814
B - 9826
C - 35
D - 0
H - 2240

TOTAL: 22915

**Data as at 4 August 2026 as data is only able to be provided at a point in time and not backdated.*

***Noting these include police possession, surrendered etc.*

5. The number of firearms licence applications in the past 12 months, broken down by category.

- For the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, ACT Firearms Registry received 2099 firearm licence applications.
- A break down by category for the applications is unavailable

6. The number of Permits to Acquire issued in the past 12 months, broken down by category.

- For the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, ACT Firearms Registry processed 1631 Permits to Acquire
- A break down by category for Permits to Acquire is unavailable

7. The total number of registered Firearms Dealers.

There are 23 registered firearm dealers in the ACT.

8. The total number of registered Armourers.

There are 19 registered armourers in the ACT.

****Please note: Registry data is unable to be interrogated to the level of detail requested****