

Shot-firing Permit Applications – Important Notice

All persons applying for a Shot-firing Permit must be granted a 'Character Clearance' from Workplace Standards Tasmania before:

1. Attending a shot-firer training course; and/or
2. applying for a shot-firing permit

A 'Character Clearance' is achieved by completing the form:

CONSENT TO RELEASE POLICE RECORD(S) BACKGROUND CHECK (Form S05)

The Tasmania Police State Security Unit will then release your National Police Record Check (NPC) to Workplace Standards Tasmania for review by the Delegate of the Competent Authority. Additionally, the results from your Politically Motivated Violence (PMV) check provided by ASIO are also collected for review.

The information on the 'National Police Record Check' is obtained from recorded offences committed within Tasmania or any other State/Territory in Australia.

NATIONAL POLICE RECORD CHECK – REVIEW CRITERIA

Workplace Standards Tasmania, as the Competent Authority will review each National Police Record Check on an individual basis.

As a guide only, the following offences may result in a 'Character Clearance' being denied.

- Multiple offences recorded under any legislation (including traffic or vehicle infringements).
- Offences consistently recorded over a recent period (the last 5 years).
- Offences of a violent nature, such as assault.
- The cancellation or denial of a Gun Licence.
- The recipient of a recent 'restraint order'.

After a review of your National Police Record Check, Workplace Standards Tasmania will issue a letter advising you as to whether a 'Character Clearance' has been granted or denied. This letter from Workplace Standards Tasmania must be shown to your training provider, as proof that a 'Character Clearance' has been obtained prior to attending a training course.

The Tasmania Police form:

CONSENT TO RELEASE POLICE RECORD(S) BACKGROUND CHECK (Form S05)

should be enclosed in every 'Application for a Shot-firING Permit' form.

Copies of this form can also be obtained via the WST web site: www.wst.tas.gov.au

WORKPLACE STANDARDS TASMANIA HAS A 'DUTY OF CARE' TO THE COMMUNITY OF TASMANIA TO ENSURE ALL PERSONS WHO ARE GRANTED A SHOT-FIRER'S PERMIT ARE SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE AND WILL COMPLY WILL ALL RELEVANT LEGISLATION CONCERNING EXPLOSIVES AND SECURITY-SENSITIVE DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES.