

# Fireworks – displays licence & permit information >

The purchase and use of fireworks in the Northern Territory is allowed for persons holding a ‘Permit to Conduct a Fireworks Display’. Permits are available from NT WorkSafe. The types of fireworks allowed depend on the training and experience of the operator and the area available to hold the display. The exception to this is for Territory Day celebrations on July 1 when the public is allowed to purchase and use approved shopgoods fireworks without permits.

## Legislation

[Dangerous Goods Regulation](#) 141: **Permit for Fireworks Display** states:

- 1) A person may apply to the Competent Authority, in an approved form, for a permit to conduct a fireworks display.
- 2) The Competent Authority on receipt of an application under sub-regulation (1) may grant the application subject to such conditions as he thinks fit or may refuse to grant the application.
- 3) The holder of a permit to conduct a fireworks display may throw, ignite or explode fireworks in accordance with these Regulations and the conditions, if any, specified in the permit.
- 4) The Competent Authority shall not grant a permit under this regulation unless he is satisfied that:
  - (a) the fireworks display will be organised and conducted with due regard to the safety of persons and property; and
  - (b) the approval of the Director of Fire Services, the Commissioner of Police and, where applicable, the council of the municipality in which it is proposed the fireworks display takes place, has been obtained.

Regulation 141 (4) (a) is satisfied by requiring users of display fireworks to satisfy NT WorkSafe that they have sufficient experience and/or training to safely conduct a display.

## Aerial shells

Aerial shells may only be used by a permit holder who holds a shotfirers certificate endorsed “To conduct firework display only” and must include the size of aerial shells to which they are deemed competent eg 75mm, 100mm etc.

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## Ground effects fireworks

Ground effects fireworks are articles that function mainly at ground level, such as fountains, Roman candles, wheels and combination batteries, also called cakes and multi-shots, consisting of multiple tubes that fire effects such as fountains, aerial reports, spinners, etc.

Ground effects fireworks<sup>1</sup> may be used by:

- i. a permit holder who holds a shotfirers certificate endorsed “To conduct firework display only” and “Ground effects fireworks”, or
- ii. a permit holder who purchases from a supplier who provides an **approved** safety instruction package with the fireworks.

## Shopgoods fireworks

Shopgoods fireworks are those approved for sale to the public for Territory Day celebrations. They are fireworks of limited power that are suitable for use in a small area such as a house yard.

Shopgoods fireworks may be used by anyone, with no requirement for training or instruction other than that printed on the fireworks labels.

## Permits for fireworks displays

Permits for each display or series of displays, (eg Chinese New Year) must be obtained from NT WorkSafe. Fee is \$10 for a display in a public place, no fee for a display in a non-public place (eg private display using shopgoods fireworks).

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