

Licensing - how to become a shotfirer >

This information bulletin has been produced to assist in the application process for a Northern Territory shotfirers certificate.

The use of blasting explosives, most display fireworks, and special effects pyrotechnics is limited to persons holding an NT shotfirers certificate which entitles the holder to use the types of explosives, initiation systems and/or fireworks endorsed on it.

New shotfirers

Fireworks and/or special effects shotfirers certificates are issued if the applicant (Form 011) has sufficient practical experience in using such explosives or has undertaken training considered acceptable to NT WorkSafe.

Applicants for certificates to use blasting explosives that have no prior experience and training must complete an approved course and examinations.

All applicants must complete Criminal History Checks.

Recognition of interstate licences/certificates and/or prior experience

For prospective blasting explosive users, shotfirers certificates from all states are recognised in the Northern Territory as acceptable qualifications for an NT certificate.

Other applicants must pass an examination on the Northern Territory Dangerous Goods Regulations relating to shotfirers and the use of explosives conducted by an approved assessor.

The need for a practical examination or written examination will be assessed on an individual basis.

Applicants for reciprocal certificates must obtain copies of the

- NT [Dangerous Goods Act](#), [Dangerous Goods Regulations](#) available from the Northern Territory Government Printing Office, Railway Street Parap, telephone 8999 4031, and
- Australian Standard [AS2187.2](#) - 1993 - Explosives Storage, Transport and Use, Part 2. Use of Explosives available from the Territory Construction Association, corner Hickman St and Winnellie Road, Winnellie, telephone 8922 9666.

Proof of ownership or access to these documents will be required.

Renewal of certificate

Shotfirers are required to maintain their experience and knowledge of explosives. A shotfirer must have used explosives during the period for which his certificate is valid (five years) to qualify for

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renewal of his/her certificate. Shotfirers without recent practical experience must have their competence re-assessed.

Application check list

- applicants must be at least 18 years of age;
- must have proof of identity (copies must be certified as true copies);
- all sections of application to be completed;
- the Declaration portion must be signed in front of a person over 18 years of age;
- both signature slips to be signed;
- two passport size photographs (certified as a true likeness if sent by mail);
- form for Release of Criminal History - **MUST BE COMPLETED**;
Note: Criminal history checks must be completed prior to a Shotfirers course being undertaken. Results of history checks must be presented to the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) at time of enrolment.
- declaration of experience sheet;
- if reciprocal arrangements apply, provide a photocopy of original licence, signed as a certified true copy;
- a medical certificate must be submitted on the form provided.

Cost

Shotfirers certificates are currently issued for a period of 12 months at a cost of \$10.00. The licensing process for shotfirers is currently under review by NT WorkSafe.

The cost of Criminal History Checks will be the responsibility of the applicant. Further information will be provided on exact costs once the licensing process review has been completed.

Note: Cheque payments to be made payable to the Receiver of Territory Monies, or payment can be made through Eftpos by supplying full credit card details, including credit card type, number, name on the card and expiry date.

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