

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1. Is it a requirement that an ammunition collector in your state/territory be a member of a cartridge collecting association such as the Australian Cartridge Collectors Association (ACCA) or the International Ammunition Association (IAA)?

(1) No.

2. Which section of your state/territory Firearms Act refers to collecting, selling, buying or trading ammunition? (It is likely there is more than one section or sub-section.)

(2) Section 16(d) deals with a “Dealer’s Licence” and Section 16(h) deals with a “Collectors Licence”.

3. Could you provide me a photocopy of the relevant section/s in your Firearms Act dealing with collecting, selling, buying, trading or anything else to do with ammunition? (Or, if your Firearms Act is available on the internet, could you please provide me the web address?)

(3) Section 16(d): “a Dealer’s Licence, which entitles the holder to deal in firearms and ammunition on the premises named and identified in that licence, to receive firearms for the purpose of their being dismantled for parts, and to arrange for repair or servicing of firearms by the holder of a repairer’s Licence, and authorises the holder or an employee or partner of the holder to have in his possession, and to carry in the ordinary course of the business of that dealer, any such firearm or ammunition or to use it for purpose of testing it or of demonstrating it to a prospective purchaser”.

Section 16(h): “an Ammunition Collector’s Licence, which entitles the holder to possess and carry, but not to use, ammunition not exceeding such quantity as may be specified in that licence and not being of the type prescribed as being ammunition to which such a licence does not apply”.

See: www.slp.wa.gov.au/statutes/swans.nsf

4. If an ammunition collector in your state/territory needs information from their Firearms Registry regarding collecting, selling, buying or trading ammunition, who is the best person (the most conversant member in your section in that area of the legislation) they could speak with and their contact number?

(4) Senior Sergeant Ron Timmins or Senior Constable Kevin Wiseman (08) 9223 7000 .

5. What is the situation in your state/territory regarding collecting, selling, buying or trading ammunition in the following situations:

a) someone with a Shooters Licence?

b) someone with a Firearms Dealers Licence?

c) someone who does not have a shooters or dealers licence - they do not own any firearms and collect ammunition only?

(5) a. Must be licensed as a firearm user or ammunition collector.

b. Not a problem.

c. Must have an ammunition collector’s licence

6. In the case of (a) above, is the ammunition they can collect, sell, buy or trade dependent solely on which category of firearms their licence allows? For example if they are only registered as owning .22LR rimfire firearms, is .22LR rimfire ammunition the only ammunition they can collect? If this is so, what does a collector then need to do to ensure they can collect, buy, sell or trade other ammunition such as shotgun or centrefire cartridges in your state/territory?

(6) See answer 3 – the ammunition must be specified in the licence.

7. Does your state/territory legislation have any special or unusual requirements for individuals that collect, sell, buy or trade ammunition? For example in Tasmania, someone selling or supplying ammunition to another person must ensure they are the holder of a licence for a firearm which takes that ammunition, OR has other authorisation from the Police Commissioner to do so. In addition the seller must see the authority of the buyer to ensure he can legally possess it. I expect this probably applies in other jurisdictions.

(7) Yes, similar to your example given re the Tasmanian legislation.

8. What are the storage requirements for ammunition in your state/territory? In other words, how much security is required?

(8) It is specified in regulations (however, a dealer in ammunition will need to have their security more substantial than a collector; i.e., it will be determined by the Commissioner's delegated officer).

9. Are any limits imposed on collectors as to what *quantity* of ammunition they can collect?

(9) See answer 3.

10. Are ammunition components such as bullets, primers, percussion caps, propellant, empty cartridge cases and so on regarded as ammunition in your state/territory and therefore subject to the same storage requirements? (ie a requirement they all be securely locked away?)

(10) Yes; Section 4: "ammunition includes anything manufactured specifically as a component of ammunition designed for discharge from a firearm and also includes any primer or propellant manufactured specifically for use in making ammunition designed for discharge from a firearm but does not include ammunition rendered inoperative for the purpose of a collector's item.

11. What are your laws regarding transporting ammunition? This refers to both transporting it intrastate re security issues, and transporting it interstate.

(11) Needs to be approved by the Commissioner of Police as an "approved courier".