

NORTHERN TERRITORY

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) Must be a member of an approved collecting association. (This is not required in the Firearms Act but is an internal policy.)

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) *Firearms Act, 1997:*

Section 46 - Storage and safe keeping requirements

1. A person in possession of a firearm or ammunition -

a. must take all reasonable precautions to ensure that -

i) it is kept safely;

ii) it is not stolen or lost; and

iii) it does not come into the possession of a person who is not authorised to possess it; and

b. must comply with the storage and safe keeping requirements under this Act that apply to the firearm or ammunition.

2. Subsection (1)(b) does not apply in relation to a firearm if the person in possession of the firearm satisfies the Commissioner that the person has provided alternative arrangements for the storage and safe keeping of the firearm (and any ammunition) that are of a standard not less than the requirements under the Act.

3. The Regulations may specify the minimum standards for storage and safe keeping of firearms or classes of firearms (and ammunition).

Section 47 – Seizure of firearms if storage requirements not met (includes ammunition)

A member of the police force may seize a firearm or ammunition that the member has reasonable grounds to believe is not being stored in accordance with this Act.

68A. Sale and purchase of ammunition

1. A person must not, in trade or commerce, sell ammunition for a firearm unless the person is the holder of a firearms dealer licence or is authorised by a permit to sell the ammunition.

2. A person must not, in trade or commerce, sell ammunition for a firearm unless -

a. the person purchasing the ammunition is the holder of a licence for a category of firearm that takes the ammunition or is authorised to buy the ammunition by a permit or by the Commissioner in writing; and

b. the person who sells the ammunition signs the licence, permit or authorisation.

3. A person who, in trade or commerce, sells ammunition for a firearm must advise the Commissioner without delay of any loss or theft of ammunition held by the person.

69. Possession of ammunition

A person must not possess ammunition unless the person -

- a. is the holder of a licence or permit for a category of firearm that takes the ammunition; or
- b. is an ammunition collector authorised by the Commissioner in writing to possess the ammunition.

Regulations

21. Storage and safe keeping requirements for category A and B firearms (includes ammunition)

A category A firearm or category B firearm must be stored in accordance with the following requirements:

- a. when the firearm is not actually being used or carried, it must be stored in a locked receptacle of that complies with the requirements specified in Schedule 2;
- b. if the receptacle weighs less than 150 kg when empty, it must be fixed to a wall or floor in a manner that prevents its easy removal;
- c. ammunition for the firearm must be stored in a locked container that is kept separate from the receptacle containing the firearm.

Other relevant Acts and Regulations that apply to large quantities of ammunition are as follows:

DANGEROUS GOODS ACT As in force at 20 December 2006

DANGEROUS GOODS (ROAD AND RAIL TRANSPORT) ACT As in force at 20 April 2005

DANGEROUS GOODS REGULATIONS As in force at 8 March 2007

DANGEROUS GOODS (ROAD AND RAIL TRANSPORT) REGULATIONS As in force at 18 August 2004

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) See: www.nt.gov.au/dcm/legislation/current.html

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?

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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. Can only possess ammunition for firearms that are registered

b. All ammunition

c. Requires a Commissioner's Authority

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) Yes.

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) Not applicable.

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

(8) See Sections 46 & 47

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

(9) Not specified.

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

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

(11) Section 32 Transporting firearms

1. For the purposes of section 66 of the Act, a prohibited firearm or a category A, B, C, D or H firearm may be conveyed –

a. by registered post;

b. by a commercial freight carrier or a common carrier; or

c. in the possession of –

i) the owner of the firearm; or

ii) a person who is licensed to be in possession of the firearm and who has the owner's permission to be in possession of the firearm.

2. Where –

a. a firearm is being conveyed in a motor vehicle; and

b. the motor vehicle is left unattended at a place away from where the firearm is normally stored or secured, then –

c. the firearm is to be placed in the boot, the cargo carrying area or some other lockable compartment of the vehicle or is to be secured by means of a firearm securing device;

d. the firearm is to be completely hidden from open view;

e. ammunition for the firearm is to be placed in a lockable compartment of the vehicle (other than the compartment in which the firearm is placed) or in a locked container secured in or on the vehicle; and

f. the person in charge of the vehicle must take all reasonable steps to ensure that, while the vehicle remains unattended, the firearm –

- i)** is kept safely in the vehicle;
- ii)** is not stolen or removed from the vehicle; and
- iii)** does not come into the possession of a person who is not licensed to be in possession of the firearm.