



Firearms competency Certification

Nature Conservation Act 1992
Nature Conservation (Wildlife Management) Regulation 2006 & Nature Conservation (Administration) Regulation 2006

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

1. Shooter's details

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other Family name Given names

Firearms licence No State Commercial Wildlife Harvesting Licence no (if applicable)

2. Shooter's declaration

Please read carefully and sign the declaration.

I declare the information I have provided in this form is complete, true and correct in every detail.

Shooter's signature Date

3. Test supervisor's details

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other Family name Given names

Name of organisation / company Phone (business)

Qualification (Range Officer, Firearms Instructor etc) Instructor licence no (if applicable)

Please note: If you have not already done so, please provide the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) Charleville office with copies of documentation demonstrating your qualification as a Firearms Instructor or Range Officer.

4. Test location

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Please tick one:

- Shooting range
- Property

5. Test supervisor's declaration

Please read carefully and sign the declaration.

I declare the information I have provided in this form is complete, true and correct in every detail, and the above-named shooter has passed the firearms competency test according to the Department of Environment and Resource Management requirements for firearms competency certification.

Test supervisor's signature Date

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✂ Test supervisor's record (optional)

Shooter's name Date

Location

Other

Assessment requirements for firearms competency certification

Shooters and test supervisors (assessors) must adhere to the following test conditions and test requirements for the firearms competency assessment to be valid.

Test conditions:

Shooting distance:	100 metres
Shooting position:	Any position the shooter chooses including standing, lying, kneeling and sitting, and with any supports the shooter desires.
Targets:	Target with 80mm diameter circle, such as Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia (SSAA) 7G or 8H targets or Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) kangaroo target.
Firearms:	A centrefire rifle fitted with a telescopic sight. Nominal bore size of at least .224 calibre and case capacity of at least .222 Remington.

Test requirements:

Objective: To shoot a five-round grouping practice to achieve an 80mm group or smaller. This is equivalent to 9 or better on a SSAA 7G target, 10 or better on a SSAA 8H target or within the circle in the DERM target.

A shooter should use their own rifle and ammunition. The supervisor should give the shooter the opportunity for a practice session immediately before the test. A clean (unused) target must be used for the test. The supervisor must inform the shooter when the test has started. The shooter is permitted to shoot only five rounds at the target during the test. If the shooter does not meet the objective of the test, the shooter will be permitted a second try at the test on the same day. A shooter is permitted to do the test as many times as desired, but a maximum of two tries at the test is permitted on any one day.

The test supervisor who is assessing the shooter for the firearms competency certification must be:

- a Firearms Instructor licensed under the *Weapons Act 1990*, or
- a Range Officer or Instructor belonging to an organisation that is a Vocational Education Training and Employment Commission (VETEC) approved provider of firearms training, and that is held out by that organisation as appropriate to carry out the test.

The shooter will be assessed as being competent if the test conditions and test requirements (including the test objective of all five rounds placed within the designated area of the target) are met. If the shooter is assessed as being competent, the shooter and supervisor should complete the firearms competency certification form (overleaf). The shooter should keep the form. The completed form must be presented to the Charleville office (or a photocopy sent by post) for DERM to recognise the certification attained by the shooter.

The shooter is to ensure the firearm is in a safe operating order and to use and handle it safely for the test. All safety and legal requirements associated with undertaking the test are the responsibility of the test supervisor. Supervisors should be aware that written permission from landholders will be required if the test is to be done on private property. The Queensland Police Service (QPS) Weapons Licensing Branch has indicated that for the test to be done on a private property, an exemption under the *Weapons Act 1990* will be required (form completed and payment made to QPS).

Checklist:

- 1) Optional practice session
- 2) Supervisor informs shooter test has started
- 3) If test passed, complete form (overleaf)
- 4) Shooter keeps form and gives copy to DERM Charleville office