

In response to your request, I disclose the following information:

- The process Tasmania Police Firearms Services uses to assess whether people convicted of firearm(s) offences should get their licence back:

Applications to reinstate or re-grant a firearms licence are determined strictly under the *Firearms Act 1996 Tas* (the Firearms Act), and there is no automatic entitlement to regain a licence following conviction. A licence may be granted only if the Commissioner of Police is satisfied the person is fit and proper and establishes a genuine reason to acquire, as per Section 60 of the Firearms Act.

Where a previous licence was cancelled or suspended, any new application is assessed afresh against these tests; and, if a licence is granted, each additional firearm still requires a Permit to Acquire, which may be issued only where there is sufficient reason and need.

More information can be found by visiting:

<https://assets.fas.police.tas.gov.au/uploads/2024/09/Firearms-Info-Sheet-7.pdf>

- How Tasmania Police is handling the process of maximum firearms per person at a time when the number of legal firearms a person may own is still being settled in Parliament:

There is currently no legislation established to implement caps in Tasmania. However, Section 60 of the Firearms Act stipulates the restrictions that apply to granting a permit to acquire a firearm.

Tasmania Police assesses every application in accordance with the Firearms Act, applying the fit and proper and genuine reason tests, and requiring a Permit to Acquire for any additional firearm where sufficient reason and need is established.

- The number of people awaiting a decision on whether a firearms licence suspension imposed by Tasmania Police should be upheld by Firearms Services:

In an attempt to gain this information I have consulted with DPFEM's Firearms Services who have advised that this information is not centrally recorded. An absolute answer to the question posed cannot be provided.

However, I am informed that (as at 23 March 2026) there are 935 licence files being managed by the Firearms Services Review Team. These files include matters under review due to recent offending, suspensions due to Family Violence Orders, cancellation subject to administrative review, or people who have had conditions applied to their licence that require annual reporting.

- The number of firearms seized from people who are awaiting a decision on their licence status:

From your clarification email of 19 March, I understand this point to relate to whether an alleged offender has had their prosecution finalised.

In an attempt to gain this information I have consulted with DPFEM's Reporting Services. Reporting Services has advised that this information is not centrally held. The systems that record court appearances with data on firearms seizures are disparate and do not support this type of data matching.

As a result, no information has been provided in relation to this point of your application.

- A breakdown of the total number and category firearms which have been seized in Tasmania in the 2025-26 financial year:

Category	Firearms seized
A	732
B	370
C	10
D	3
H	33
No category recorded	292
Total	1,440

* Firearms seized in 2025-26 (to 26 March)

- How many firearms does the Tasmanian with the greatest number of registered firearms have?

I am informed that the licence holder with the greatest number of registered firearms has 309 firearms; the bulk of which form part of a collection and are not in usable condition.

- A breakdown on how many people have more than 10 registered firearms:

Firearms held	Licence holders
11 to 20	1,263
21 to 30	158
31 to 40	53
41 to 50	23
More than 50	44
Total	1,541

^ Please note – these figures are accurate as of the date the information was provided to our office, being 27 March 2026.