

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Summary from Queensland Police correspondence

Financial (Participation) Year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

The following are the minimum participations required for the above period

Number of Classes of Handguns	Number of Shoots Required
One (1)	Four (4)
Two (2)	Five (5)
Three (3)	Eight (8)
Four (4)	Ten (10)

As advised by Queensland Police March 2020:

"In accordance with subsection 133(7) of the Weapons Act 1990, due to closures, recommendations to avoid non-essential gatherings and travel and other impacts arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, Weapons Licensing is satisfied that Category H concealable firearms licence holders are duly considered "unable to comply with a relevant participation condition for the year for reasons outside the licensee's control" from the period commencing 1 March 2020 until 30 June 2020.

Please note, in accordance with subsection 133(8) of the Weapons Act 1990, this decision is made on a basis of "whole calendar months, having regard to the period that the authorised officer is satisfied the licensee is, or was, unable to comply with a relevant participation condition for reasons outside the licensee's control."

In practice, this means that licensees will still be required to either have completed a prorated number of shooting competitions for the July 2019 to February 2020 period, or make a submission as to why they were not able to do so.

While a submission (upon application for licence renewal) is required if a licence holder has not met these revised participation shoots, Queensland Concealable Firearms Licence Holders who act in good faith will not have adverse action taken against their licences for failing to complete their required participation shoots due to disruptions arising from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Weapons Licensing appreciates that licence holders complete their shoots at different times during the year, and that some licensees may now not be able to meet their required shoots."

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One (1)	Three (3)
Two (2)	Four (4)
Three (3)	Six (6)
Four (4)	Eight (8)

As advised by Queensland Police June 2020:

"In recognition that weapons licence holders continue to be impacted by the COVID-19 situation, I am satisfied that in accordance with subsections 133(7) and (8) of the Weapons Act 1990, Category H concealable firearms licence holders remain "unable to comply with a relevant participation condition for the year for reasons outside the licensee's control" for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020.

In practice, this means licensees will only have to complete half of their normally required participation shoots for the 2020-21 financial year as detailed."