



Approved Commercial Carriers

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The Firearms Act 1973 provides an exemption to commercial carriers to have in their possession firearms and ammunition within Western Australia. This exemption is as per Section 8(1)(g) of the Firearms Act referred to as an 'approved commercial carrier'

Any commercial carrier wishing to become approved must do so on the appropriate forms that can be located at <https://www.police.wa.gov.au/Police-Direct/Licensing/Firearms>

To become an approved carrier an applicant must demonstrate the ability to comply with the following requirements:

1. Driver/s to have a police clearance certificate or be subject to an appropriate probity regime as designated by the employer.
2. Firearms transported are to be secured in a locked container, concealed or covered and not easily accessible. The container is not to be marked that it contains firearms or ammunition.
3. That all reasonable precautions are taken to ensure that the firearms are not lost or stolen whilst being conveyed.
4. Firearms and ammunition to be transported/stored separately
5. It is the responsibility of the transport company to have appropriate storage facilities and processes to prevent the loss or theft of firearms or ammunition whilst awaiting despatch at a depot, warehouse or similar area.
6. If firearms or ammunition require storing overnight then a Warehouseman Exemption is required. Conditions for the Warehouseman Exemption are negotiable with Firearms Licensing Services.
7. Motorcycles or pushbikes cannot be used for courier delivery; and
8. Delivery is only to a dealer/repairer or manufacturer not to a private firearm licence holder.

Note: The warehousing arrangements may differ for each entity and Licensing Services will work with any applicant to achieve the required standard for overnight storage if required when undertaking commercial carrier activities.

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