

FACT SHEET

Permit to Acquire (PTA) – What Has Changed



Longarm Safe Storage inspections may be subject

Permit to Acquire (PTA) Requirements

Firearm Limits

- PTA applications are assessed against the applicable firearm limits.
- PTA applications that exceed the applicable firearm limit are taken to have never been made, and no refund will be provided.

Safe Storage Requirements

- From 1 July 2026, a PTA must not be issued unless the Commissioner is satisfied that the applicant will meet applicable safe storage and safety requirements.
- The nominated safe storage address will be checked for a valid safe storage inspection.
- Where a valid inspection cannot be identified, applicants will be required to provide a safe storage inspection event number.
- PTA applications cannot be submitted unless a valid safe storage inspection is confirmed.

Additional Eligibility Requirements

- Additional eligibility requirements, including terrorism-related checks, apply to the issue of a PTA from **1 July 2026**.
- These requirements form part of the mandatory considerations for the issue of a PTA.

P650 Temporary Permits

- Still operating, but under review
- Background checks likely to be introduced
 - Branches must still conduct P650s before any Safe Shooting and Try Shooting activities

Note: SSAA NSW strongly supports retaining the live-fire training component

Message from SSAA NSW

Shooting continues. Licences continue. We remain actively engaged.

SSAA NSW is actively working through regulation development to ensure practical, workable outcomes for members.