

FIREARMS ORDINANCE 1966

No. 41 of 1966

An Ordinance to amend the *Firearms Ordinance*
1956-1965

[Reserved 30th March, 1966.]

[Assented to 9th September, 1966.]*

BE it ordained by the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory of Australia, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act* 1910-1965, as follows:—

Short title
and citation

1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the *Firearms Ordinance* 1966.

(2.) The *Firearms Ordinance* 1956-1965 is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

(3.) The Principal Ordinance, as amended by this Ordinance, may be cited as the *Firearms Ordinance* 1956-1966.

Commencement

2. This Ordinance shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*.*

Definitions

3. Section 6 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting the definition of “unlicensed high powered firearm”.

4. Section 18 of the Principal Ordinance is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

Person not to
own, &c. pistol
or high
powered
firearm without
licence

“18.—(1.) A person shall not own or have in his possession a pistol unless he is the holder of a pistol licence in respect of that pistol.

Penalty: For a first offence, Two hundred dollars or imprisonment for two months; for a second or subsequent offence, Six hundred dollars or imprisonment for six months.

“(2.) A person shall not carry a pistol unless he is the holder of a pistol licence in respect of that pistol and is carrying that licence with him.

Penalty: One hundred dollars.

Notified in *Northern Territory Government Gazette* dated 21 September 1966.

† The date fixed was 28 September 1966 (see *Northern Territory Government Gazette* No. 48 of 28 September 1966, page 197).

“(3.) A person shall not own a high powered firearm unless he is the holder of a high powered firearm licence in respect of that high powered firearm.

Penalty: For a first offence, Two hundred dollars or imprisonment for two months; for a second or subsequent offence, Six hundred dollars or imprisonment for six months.

“(4.) A person shall not have in his possession, use or carry a high powered firearm unless a high powered firearm licence authorizes him to do so.

Penalty: One hundred dollars.

“(5.) In any proceedings for an offence against this section it shall be a good defence if it is proved that the pistol or high powered firearm in respect of which the offence is alleged to have been committed was purchased or hired by the defendant, not more than two days before the date on which the offence is alleged to have been committed, pursuant to a permit which was in force at the time when the pistol or high powered firearm was purchased or hired, as the case may be.

“(6.) Notwithstanding sub-sections (1.) and (2.) of this section, a person may, in accordance with a permit issued under the next succeeding section, have in his possession, or carry, a pistol if —

- (a) he has the pistol in his possession or carries it, in the course of and for the purposes of his employment; and
- (b) his employer is the holder of a pistol licence in respect of the pistol.”.

5. Section 18A of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

- (a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words “or licensed high powered firearm”;
- (b) by omitting from sub-section (2.) the words “or licensed high powered firearm” (twice occurring);
- (c) by omitting from sub-section (3.) the words “or high powered firearm”; and
- (d) by omitting from sub-section (4.) the words “or high powered firearm”.

Employee's permit to carry, &c., licensed pistol

6. Section 19 of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

- (a) by inserting after sub-section (2.) the following sub-section:—

“(2A.) If the Registrar is satisfied that an applicant for a high powered firearm licence is

Applications for pistol licence or high powered firearm licence to be made to Registrar

bona fide engaged in the business of conducting persons upon hunting tours he may endorse the licence with the words 'Hunting Guide.'; and

(b) by omitting sub-section (3A.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-sections:—

“(3A.) A high powered firearm licence applies only in respect of one high powered firearm and authorizes the possession, use and carriage of that high powered firearm by—

(a) the person to whom it is issued;

(b) a servant or agent of that person if the servant or agent is employed or engaged for the purpose of doing any act requiring the use of a high powered firearm; and

(c) if the licence is endorsed with the words 'Hunting Guide', a person who has agreed for a monetary consideration to employ as a hunting guide the person to whom the licence is issued.

“(3B.) A person who, under paragraph (b) or paragraph (c) of the last preceding sub-section, is authorized to possess, use and carry a high powered firearm is deemed to be the holder of a high powered firearm licence in respect of that high powered firearm.”
