

# Certification

Nature Conservation Act 1992 – Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020

## Firearms competency

### 1. Shooter's details

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other	Family name	Given names
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Firearms licence No	State	Harvesting Licence no. (if applicable)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

### 2. Shooter's declaration

Please read carefully and sign the declaration.

**I declare the information I have provided in this form is complete, true and correct in every detail.**

Shooter's signature	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

### 3. Test supervisor's details

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other	Family name	Given names
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Name of organisation/company		<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Qualification (range officer, firearms instructor, etc.)	Instructor licence no (if applicable)	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

**Please note:** If you have not already done so, please provide the shooter with copy of documentation demonstrating your qualification as a firearms instructor or range officer.

### 4. Test location

Please tick one:

- Shooting range  
 Property

### 5. Test supervisor's declaration

Please read carefully and sign the declaration.

I declare the information I have provided in this form is complete, true and correct in every detail, and the above named shooter has passed the firearms competency test according to the Department of Environment and Science requirements for firearms competency certification.

Test supervisor's signature	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

## **Assessment requirements for firearms competency certification**

Shooters and test supervisors (assessors) must adhere to the following test conditions and test requirements for the firearms competency assessment to be valid.

### **Test conditions:**

- Shooting distance: 100 metres (or 100 yards)
- Shooting position: Sitting, and with any supports the shooter desires.
- Targets: Target with 75 millimetre (mm) diameter circle for 100 metres or (70mm circle for 100 yards),
- Firearms: A centrefire rifle fitted with a telescopic sight. Nominal bore size of at least 0.204 calibre.

### **Test requirements:**

**Objective:** To shoot a five-round grouping to achieve a 75mm group or smaller within the relevant circle in the National Humane Shooting Test Target.

A shooter should use their own rifle and ammunition. The supervisor should give the shooter the opportunity for a practice session immediately before the test. A clean (unused) target must be used for the test. The supervisor must inform the shooter when the test has started. The shooter is permitted to shoot only five rounds at the target during the test. If the shooter does not meet the objective of the test, the shooter will be permitted a second try at the test on the same day. A shooter is permitted to do the test as many times as desired, but a maximum of two tries at the test is permitted on any one day.

The test supervisor who is assessing the shooter for the firearms competency certification must be:

- a firearms instructor licensed under the *Weapons Act 1990*, or
- a range officer or instructor belonging to an organisation that is a Vocational Education Training and Employment Commission (VETEC) approved provider of firearms training, and that is held out by that organisation as appropriate to carry out the test.

The shooter will be assessed as being competent if the test conditions and test requirements (including the test objective of all five rounds placed within the designated area of the target) are met. The supervisor must confirm the target circle is the relevant size for the distance. If the shooter is assessed as being competent, the shooter and supervisor should complete the firearms competency certification form (overleaf). The shooter should keep the form. The completed form must be presented to the Charleville office (or a photocopy sent by post) for EHP to recognise the certification attained by the shooter.

The shooter is to ensure the firearm is in a safe operating order and to use and handle it safely for the test. All safety and legal requirements associated with undertaking the test are the responsibility of the test supervisor. Supervisors should be aware that written permission from landholders will be required if the test is to be done on private property. The Queensland Police Service (QPS) Weapons Licensing Branch has indicated that for the test to be done on a private property, an exemption under the *Weapons Act 1990* will be required (form completed and payment made to QPS).

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### **Checklist:**

- 1) Optional practice session.
- 2) Supervisor informs shooter test has started.
- 3) If test passed, complete form (overleaf).
- 4) Shooter keeps form and gives copy to DES Charleville office.