



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (FORM 1)

## Victorian Amateur Pistol Association Inc and

**Club No.**

DATE JOINED:

(2 days after LRD submission)

NEW APPLICATION

TRANSFER IN (check one)

### PERSONAL INFORMATION OF APPLICANT

SURNAME:  DATE OF BIRTH:

GIVEN NAMES:  PREFERRED NAME:

HOME ADDRESS:  CITY/SUBURB:

POST CODE:  PHONE (home):  PHONE (mobile):

POSTAL ADDRESS:  CITY/SUBURB:

POST CODE:  EMAIL:

DRIVERS LICENCE:  HANDGUN LICENCE:  LONGARM LICENCE:

EMPLOYER:  OCCUPATION:

WORK ADDRESS:  WORK CONTACT:

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME:  CONTACT PHONE:

### LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Under Section 123D of the *Firearms Act 1996*, an approved handgun target shooting club must not admit a person as a member unless a nominated officer of the club reasonably believes that that person has submitted to the club ([club to check the appropriate boxes](#)):

- Any records about that person kept by or on behalf of the Chief Commissioner or any person holding a position equivalent to that of the Chief Commissioner in the Commonwealth or in any other State or Territory of the Commonwealth.  
 Confirm receipt of records if applicable:  Confirm there are no records:
- Two character references from people who are of or over the age of 18 years, who are of good repute and who have known the person for a minimum of 2 years  
 Confirm receipt of references:
- The names of any other approved handgun target shooting clubs of which that person is a member (list these below):  
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- Names of any other approved handgun target shooting clubs which, at any time in the 5 years immediately preceding the application, the applicant:
  - has applied to join: .....
  - has had a membership of: .....
  - has had a membership of cancelled or refused: .....
- On the form approved by the Chief Commissioner (eg Membership application form, or if necessary a list can be obtained from LRD)
  - details of all handguns owned or possessed by the applicant; Confirm receipt of firearms lists:
  - details of any handguns (not in the possession of the applicant) for which the applicant -
    - has applied for a permit to acquire
    - for which a permit to acquire has previously been refused

### APPLICANTS DECLARATION:

I declare: I have not been subject to Epilepsy, blackouts or any similar condition affecting muscular control and co-ordination.  
 I will abide by the laws of the State, the rules of the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association Inc. and of the Club.  
 I will fulfil the obligations of good sportsmanship and comply with the rules for shooting as approved by the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association Inc.  
 I am NOT a prohibited person as defined by the *Firearms Act 1996* (see overleaf).

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE:  DATE:

CLUB OFFICIAL'S NAME:  CLUB OFFICIAL'S SIGNATURE:

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION continued

Attach passport sized photo:

This application must be completed in **duplicate** and handed to the Club Secretary with two passport standard photographs no more than 6 months old, which accurately reflects you as you currently appear.

High resolution photographs in jpeg format may also be submitted via email to:

who will forward to VAPA with your completed Form 1.

One copy of Form 1 and one photograph is to be retained by the Club. The other copy of Form 1 and photograph are to be forwarded to the Victorian Amateur Pistol Association Inc. (within ONE month) PO Box 298 Chirnside Park, Vic 3116. Alternatively scan and forward via email to [secretary@vapa.org.au](mailto:secretary@vapa.org.au) with attached jpg photo.

## PROHIBITED PERSONS

The *Firearms Act 1996* provides that certain individuals or 'prohibited persons' may be barred from:

- Possessing, carrying or using a firearm
- Obtaining a firearm licence
- Retaining a firearm licence.

Section 3 of the *Firearms Act 1996* outlines the full range of offences, orders and court outcomes that could result in you being classified as a 'prohibited person'.

**For specific legal advice, you should consult the Act or a legal professional.**

Broadly however, there are two scenarios that result in a person becoming 'prohibited'. These are:

Certain criminal offences where the court outcomes include findings of guilt, convictions, community based orders or terms of imprisonment

- Family violence or stalking orders under the Family Violence Protection Act 2008, the *Personal Safety Intervention Orders Act 2010* and equivalent orders from other states.

### Criminal offences

You will be considered 'prohibited' for 12 months if you are found guilty by any Australian state or territory court of:

- an offence against the *Firearms Act 1996* for which a court could impose a term of imprisonment
- an offence against any other act involving the possession or use of firearms and for which a court could impose a term of imprisonment
- an indictable offence.

Examples of prohibited offences and court results (PDF) are available at:

[http://www.police.vic.gov.au/retrievemedia.asp?media\\_id=57196&status=active](http://www.police.vic.gov.au/retrievemedia.asp?media_id=57196&status=active)

### Court orders

You will automatically be considered 'prohibited' if you are subject to a:

- Final order under the *Family Violence Protection Act 2008* or an order of a corresponding nature made in another state or territory
- Final order under the *Personal Safety Intervention Orders Act 2010* or an order of a corresponding nature made in another state or territory
- Supervised community based order under section 38(1)(b) of the *Sentencing Act 1991*
- Supervision order under section 26 of the *Crimes (Mental Impairment and Unfitness to be Tried) Act 1997*.

You are prohibited from the time the order commences until five years after the order has expired. Your ability to make an application to be deemed non-prohibited will depend in part on whether there are any firearm clauses attached to the order.

Reference: [http://www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?Document\\_ID=34427](http://www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?Document_ID=34427)