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I, Hugh Crosby Heggie, Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Firearms Act 1997*.

Responsible Minister:

B. J. POTTER
Minister for Police

H. C. HEGGIE
Administrator

Date of making: 16 May 2024

1 Title

These Regulations may be cited as the *Firearms Amendment Regulations 2024*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the day after the day on which they are made.

3 Regulations amended

These Regulations amend the *Firearms Regulations 1997*.

4 Regulation 1A amended (Disqualifying offences)

(1) Regulation 1A(1)(a)

omit

74 or 110;

insert

74, 110 or 148B;

(2) Regulation 1A(1)(c)

omit

(3) Regulation 1A(1)(h) and (i)

omit, insert

(h) section 180A, 184, 185 or 188(2)(m), if a custodial sentence is imposed;

(i) section 188A(1) if the victim suffers harm;

(4) Regulation 1A(1)(s)

omit

239, 240,

(5) Regulation 1A(1A)

omit

subregulation:

insert

subregulation, is a disqualifying offence:

5 Regulation 1B amended (Offences of violence)

(1) Regulation 1B(1)(h), before "166"

insert

155A,

(2) Regulation 1B(1)(i) to (l)

omit, insert

(i) section 174C, 174D, 186, 186AA or 188(2)(a) to (j);

(j) section 188(2)(m), unless a custodial sentence is imposed;

(k) section 188A(1) if the victim does not suffer harm;

(3) Regulation 1B(2)(c), before "188(2)(k)."

insert

section

6 Regulation 18 amended (Conditions applying to certain shooter's licences)

(1) Regulation 18, heading

omit

shooter's

(2) Regulation 18(1) and (2)

omit

shooter's

(3) Regulation 18(2)(a)

omit

he or she

insert

the holder

(4) Regulation 18(2)(a)

omit

and

7 Regulation 20A inserted

Before regulation 21, in Part 3

insert

20A Application of Part

This Part does not apply in relation to a category D firearm that:

- (a) is designed for military purposes; and
- (b) is either:
 - (i) permanently affixed to a tank, military aircraft or other military vehicle; or
 - (ii) a firearm that is designed so that it can only be operated or moved by more than one person; and
- (c) has been rendered permanently incapable of being fired.

Examples for regulation 20A

A tank, anti-aircraft gun, aircraft-mounted machine gun, artillery piece or large mortar that has been rendered permanently incapable of being fired.

8 Regulation 21 amended (Storage and safe keeping requirements for category A and B firearms)

(1) Regulation 21(1)

omit

(1)

(2) Regulation 21(1)(b)

omit

removal;

insert

removal.

(3) Regulation 21(1)(c) and (2)

omit

9 Regulation 22 amended (Storage and safe keeping requirements for category C, D and H firearms)

(1) Regulation 22(1)

omit

(1)

(2) Regulation 22(1)(b)

omit

floor;

insert

floor.

(3) Regulation 22(1)(c) and (2)

omit

10 Regulation 22A inserted

After regulation 22

insert

22A Storage and safe keeping requirements for ammunition

(1) A person in possession of ammunition must, when the ammunition is not being used or carried, ensure that the ammunition is stored separately from firearms in a sturdy container that is locked.

(2) The container may be:

(a) stored inside a receptacle that contains firearms; or

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- (b) attached to, or form a separate compartment within, a receptacle that contains firearms; or
 - (c) stored externally to a receptacle that contains firearms.
- (3) The container must have a lock that is a combination lock, key lock or electronic lock that is different to any combination lock, key lock or electronic lock used to open a receptacle in the person's possession or control that contains firearms.
 - (4) A key, code or other access device that secures the lock of a container that contains ammunition must be stored separately from a key, code or other access device used to open a receptacle that contains firearms.
 - (5) This regulation does not apply to a person who is excluded under section 4(4A) of the Act from the application of section 69 of the Act.

Examples for regulation 22A

- 1 *An ammunition box stored outside of a firearms safe. The ammunition box is opened using a key and the safe is opened using a code.*
- 2 *An ammunition box that is stored inside a firearms safe. The ammunition box and the safe are opened using two different keys that are stored separately.*
- 3 *A compartment for ammunition that is built into a firearms safe. The safe is opened using one code and the compartment containing ammunition is opened using a different code.*

11 Regulation 33 amended (Recognition of interstate licences)

Regulation 33(1)

omit, insert

- (1) For section 92(b) of the Act, a person who holds a corresponding licence authorising the possession or use of a category A firearm or a category B firearm who is residing temporarily in the Territory is not required to hold a licence to possess or use the firearm for any purpose for which the person is authorised to possess or use the firearm in the State or Territory that issued the corresponding licence.

12 Repeal of Regulations

These Regulations are repealed on the day after they commence.