



Prohibited Weapons Exemptions

Business Purposes (Clause 6)

[Schedule 2 of the Summary Offences Act 1953](#) determines the exemptions relating to possession and use of prohibited weapons.

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A person may use or possess a prohibited weapon in the course of conducting their business or in the course of their employment, provided that –

- the use or possession of the weapon is reasonably required for that purpose
AND
- the use or possession of the weapon is not in the course or for the purpose of manufacturing, selling, distributing, supplying or otherwise dealing in the weapon.

If this or any other exemption does not apply to your possession and use of a prohibited weapon, consider surrendering the weapon to a police officer.

Delivery to Police (Clause 4)

A person may possess a prohibited weapon if the person is delivering the weapons, as soon as reasonably practical, to a police officer.

If you unlawfully have a prohibited weapon, utilise the clause 4 exemption to deliver the weapon to a police officer.

Compensation is not offered for weapons surrendered through clause 4.

Note – the clause 4 exemption is not available to a person who ceased to be exempt in accordance with previous legislation (reg 7(4) Summary Offences (Dangerous Articles and Prohibited Weapons) Regulations 2000.

