



## Prohibited Weapons Exemptions

### Machetes (Clause 25)

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

This clause only relates to exemptions for machetes.

This is a prescribed weapon in the Summary Offences Regulations 2016.

#### **Machetes (Clause 25)**

A person is an exempt person for the purposes of an offence of use or possession of a prohibited weapon under section 21F(1)(b) of this Act in relation to a machete if the use or possession of the machete is for the purposes of

- gardening
- or
- camping

(and no other purpose).

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.

