



VICTORIA POLICE

**Notice of Variation:
Handgun Target Shooting Matches or Handgun Target Shoots**

Preamble:

As a result of the Stage 3 directions made by the Chief Health Officer under the Emergency Powers in the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008, in response to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19, holders of a handgun target shooting licence may have been constrained in meeting their annual participation requirements. The Chief Commissioner of Police now issues the following licence condition variation providing these holders with the benefit of reduced requirements for the 2020 participation year.

In addition, the Chief Commissioner of Police will consider further amendments to requirements by individual handgun target shooting licensees by application where circumstances arise.

Variation of Licence Condition:

In accordance with Section 37 of the Firearms Act 1996 (the Act) the Chief Commissioner of Police hereby gives notice of the following variation of the conditions attached to all General Category Handgun licences issued with the reason of Target Shooting which have one or more classes of handgun registered to them.

For the participation year 2020, the following requirements will apply:

Number of specified classes of handgun possessed, carried or used	Total number of handgun target shoots or matches or combination of both required for the participation year 2020
1	5
2	5
3	6
4	8

The following conditions must also be met:

1. The total number of shoots or matches must take place on at least 5 separate days;
2. Of the reduced number of matches or shoots that the holder of the general category handgun licence is required to participate in for the 2020 calendar year –
 - a. at least 3 must be approved handgun shooting matches;
 - b. at least 2 must be participated in for each specified class of handgun; and
 - c. participation may be either as a competitor, supervisor, competition judge or range officer but at least 3 must be participated in as a competitor.

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