



FRANKSTON AUSTRALIAN CLAY TARGET CLUB INC.

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HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN CLAY TARGET SHOOTING AS A SPORT

For those WITHOUT a current Firearms Licence...

1. Completing a Firearms Safety Course

You will need to book in to do a Firearms Safety Course through your local Divisional Firearms Officer. Frankston Australian Clay Target Club hosts these most Tuesday evenings from 7:30pm and a booking can be made through the Divisional Firearms Officer located at Somerville Police Station. FACTC cannot accept your booking for this Course. The Firearms Safety Course is free and the Certificate you receive from completing the Course needs to be sent in with your Firearms Licence Application.

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Part 6 - Firearms Safety Course (All new applicants must provide a copy of a safety course certificate)

Have you attended a Longarms Safety Course in the last 12 months? Yes No
See instructions pages Part 6.

Extract from the Victorian Firearms Licence Application

2. Applying for a Membership at a Clay Target Club

When you complete your Firearms Licence Application, you will need to state the reason why you require a firearms licence. For Clay Target Shooting, it will be "Genuine Reason #1" on the Firearms Licence Application. Other Genuine Reasons include Hunting and Primary Production.

If your Genuine Reason is for Sport/Target Shooting, then you will need to join a Clay Target Club such as Frankston Australian Clay Target Club. You then will need to submit proof of the membership with your Firearms Licence Application.

 **Attach genuine reason evidence here**

Part 8 - Genuine Reasons
The Firearms Act 1996 requires you to have a genuine reason to obtain a Firearm Licence.

Cross the box(es) in the left column for the reason, or reasons, you are applying for, and provide the documents listed in the right hand column for each reason you tick

Genuine Reason (any one or more reasons)	Information and Documents you must provide
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Sport / Target Shooting any type, on approved ranges	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 20px;"></div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">(Name of club/organisation) (Branch) (Date joined)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 20px;"></div> </div> <p>Membership Number Expiry Date</p> <p>AND Copy of current membership card OR Club or organisation's statement of endorsement.</p>

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To become a Member (for new Members) at Frankston Australian Clay Target Club, you will need to participate in a Safety Induction which covers the safety aspects on the Grounds as well as around the Club. The cost for the Safety Induction is free. It is

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also strongly recommended and encouraged that all new Members participate in a Tuition which gives you a practical lesson in safely handling a Shotgun whilst participating in shooting a round of 25 clay targets. The cost for this is \$50 and includes 25 clay targets, ammunition, ear protection, the use of a Club shotgun and the tuition from our registered Club Coach. As you are under the strict instruction from the Club Coach, you are not required to have your Firearms Licence during this process.

The Safety Inductions and Tuition are held every Wednesday between 10am and 4pm (at a time convenient for you) and on the second Sunday and 4th Saturday of each month at 10am. Bookings are required and can be made by emailing factsecretary@gmail.com or calling the office on (03) 9782 1626.

At the conclusion of the Safety Induction and Tuition, which is held at the same time and takes approximately 45 minutes, you will be able to join the Club. There are a number of Membership Options available including Competitive (allowing you to participate in competitions), Social (allowing you to shoot practice only) and then Adult, Junior and Veteran Options. A copy of your Membership Application will be provided to you so you can attach to your Firearms Licence Application.

The current Membership options available at Frankston Australian Clay Target Club can be found at <http://www.factc.com.au/membership/application/>.

3. Completing a Firearms Licence Application

You can download a Firearms Licence Application form by visiting <http://www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?Document ID=34324>. Copies are also available from the Office at Frankston Australian Clay Target Club.

Once the Firearms Licence Application is complete, attach the Certificate you received from attending the Firearms Safety Course and your proof of Club Membership and send your form into Victoria Police Licensing and Regulations Division.

Victoria Police
Licensing & Regulation Division
GPO Box 2807
Melbourne VIC 3001

New Firearm Licence Applications and the first application for a permit to acquire a firearm are subject to a mandatory 28-day waiting period.

4. Purchasing a Firearm

Once your Firearms Licence has been granted, it is time to start thinking about purchasing your own Shotgun. Any Firearms Dealer can assist you with this and two recommended by Frankston Australian Clay Target Club are:

Mialls Gun Shop
Ph: 03 9783 1576
59-61 Playne Street Frankston
<https://www.mialls.com.au>

Melbourne Gun Works
Ph: 03 8354 7655
4/6 Ovata Drive Tullamarine
<https://www.melbournegunworks.com>

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5. Storing your Firearm and Ammunition

Victoria Police has a number of guidelines for the safe storage of firearms in your home. Visit http://www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?Document_ID=36210 to see the storage and safekeeping information for firearms and also ammunition.

A suitable safe for the storage of your firearm and ammunition can also be sourced from your preferred Firearms Dealer. Frankston Australian Clay Target Club recommends the products available in the Spika range <https://spika.com.au/>.

6. Purchasing Ammunition and Accessories for Clay Target Shooting

Frankston Australian Clay Target Club has a range of Clay Target Shooting accessories available including Shooting Vests/Jackets, ear muffs, gun cleaning tools and cleaning products etc. A range of ammunition is also available. Alternatively, your preferred Firearms Dealer will have a range of ammunition and accessories available.

7. You are ready to Shoot

Your Firearms Licence has been granted! You are a Member of a Clay Target Shooting Club! You have purchased your own Firearm! You are ready to go!

For a list of Clay Target Shooting Clubs in Victoria please visit <https://www.vcta.com.au>.

8. You feel you need some further Tuition

Frankston Australian Clay Target Club offers Tuition for those who feel they need some help to either perfect their shooting style, or for those new to the sport who just need some further advice to build their confidence. The cost is \$50 for 25 targets or \$75 for 50 targets inclusive of ammunition and the use of a Club Shotgun if required.

A Tuition session can be booked every Wednesday between 10am and 4pm (at a time convenient for you) and on the second Sunday and 4th Saturday of each month at 10am. Bookings are required and can be made by emailing factcsecretary@gmail.com or calling the office on (03) 9782 1626.

9. You have a Friend or Family Member interested

Frankston Australian Clay Target Club also offers a "Come and Try" session for those who would like to give the Sport a try prior to commencing the licensing process. These sessions can be booked in line with the Tuition and the same costs apply.

For those WITH a current Firearms Licence...

For those already with a current Firearms Licence, you are well on your way to getting involved in the Sport. You will need to become a member of a Clay Target Shooting Club such as Frankston Australian Clay Target Club. Please refer to ***Applying for a Membership at a Clay Target Club*** above on how to become a Member at Frankston Australian Clay Target Club.

Please refer to <https://factc.com.au> for further information and to view the Club rules. Frankston Australian Clay Target Club takes safety both on and off the grounds very seriously and anyone not compliant with the Club Rules will be denied participation.