

Do I need to provide fingerprints in order to obtain a Paintball Marker Licence?

- + No. Fingerprints are not required for applicants to obtain a Paintball Marker Licence.

What are the storage requirements for paintball markers?

- + It is a condition of a Paintball Marker Licence that you must comply with the following storage requirements.
- + Paintball markers must be stored in a container –
 - + which must be constructed from hard wood or steel that is not easily penetrable;
 - + which, if it weighs less than 150 kilograms when empty, must be fixed to the frame of the floor or the wall of the premises in which it the marker is kept in such a way that it is not easily removable; and
 - + which, when any paintball marker is stored in the container, must be locked with a lock of sturdy construction.

If you store more than 15 firearms, including any paintball markers on the premises, the premises must be fitted with an effective alarm system. An effective alarm system is an intruder alarm system that, in the event of an intrusion, activates an audible alarm warning device and an external visible warning light. Alternative alarm systems may be approved at the discretion of the Chief Commissioner of Police in exceptional circumstances.

Can prohibited persons either own a paintball marker or participate in paintball activities?

- + No. If you are a prohibited person you are not permitted to have a Paintball Marker Licence nor are you permitted to participate in paintball activities.

For further information contact:

Licensing Services Division
Local Call: 1300 651 645
Facsimile: 9247 6485

Email: licensing@police.vic.gov.au
Website: www.police.vic.gov.au

Paintball Marker Licence

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What is a Paintball Marker Licence?

- + The Paintball Marker Licence is a new licence issued under the *Firearms Act 1996*, and was introduced by the *Firearms (Further Amendment) Act 2005*.
- + The Paintball Marker Licence allows you to own your own paintball marker or carry or otherwise possess a registered paintball marker for the purpose of engaging in activities that require the use of paintball markers at approved paintball locations.

What is a paintball marker?

- + A paintball marker is a firearm that is designed to discharge a paintball.
- + A paintball is a projectile that primarily consists of dye or similar substance that is designed to mark a person or object.

Who needs a Paintball Marker Licence?

- + A Paintball Marker Licence is required if you wish to –
 - + own your own paintball marker;
 - + carry a paintball marker (e.g. to and from approved locations);
 - + otherwise possess a paintball marker when you are not at an approved location.

Do I need a Paintball Marker Licence if I only want to participate in paintball activities?

- + No. You do not require a Paintball Marker Licence to participate in paintball activities using paintball markers supplied at approved paintball locations.
- + Please note that to use paintball markers you must not be a prohibited person and you must be 18 years of age or over.

Where can I use a paintball marker?

- + At approved locations. Whether you have a Paintball Marker Licence or you use paintball operators' markers, you may only use them at paintball locations approved by the Chief Commissioner.

Can I use my paintball marker for any other reasons?

- + No. A paintball marker can only be used at approved paintball locations for engaging in paintball activities.

Can I own a paintball marker on a category A or B Longarm Licence?

- + No. You must have a Paintball Marker Licence if you wish to own, carry or otherwise possess a paintball marker anywhere other than at an approved location.
- + Paintball markers must be registered to Paintball Marker Licences. You cannot register a paintball marker to any other licence.

How do I apply for a Paintball Marker Licence?

- + Application for a Paintball Marker can be obtained from www.police.vic.gov.au (follow links to Our Services, Firearms, Firearm Licence Applications, then select Paintball Marker Licence - VP1268) or by contacting Licensing Services Division.

Do I need to complete a safety course?

- + Yes. A paintball safety course must be completed in order to obtain a Paintball Marker Licence. A list of contacts for safety course providers will be published on Victoria Police's website. Please contact your local or preferred paintball operator if you have any questions about the paintball safety course.

What evidence do I need for a Paintball Marker Licence?

When applying for a Paintball Marker Licence you must be able to demonstrate that the licence is required for the purpose of engaging in activities that require the use of paintball markers at an approved location.

- + Evidence to demonstrate your requirement for a Paintball Marker Licence may include -

Option 1

- + Provide details of your membership to a current paintball club/organisation and relevant supporting documentation (membership card or a statement of endorsement from your paintball club or organisation); or

Option 2

- + Provide a brief explanation as to why you require a paintball marker licence and have your club or organisation complete the declaration in the application under Part 8 'Genuine Reason'; **OR**
- + Provide a brief explanation as to why you require a paintball marker licence and supply evidence to support your explanation.