

Queensland



*Weapons Act 1990*

# **WEAPONS CATEGORIES REGULATION 1997**

**Reprinted as in force on 14 September 2001  
(includes amendments up to SL No. 87 of 2001)**

**Reprint No. 1A**

**This reprint is prepared by  
the Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel  
Warning—This reprint is not an authorised copy**

# Information about this reprint

This regulation is reprinted as at 14 September 2001. The reprint shows the law as amended by all amendments that commenced on or before that day (Reprints Act 1992 s 5(c)).

The reprint includes a reference to the law by which each amendment was made—see list of legislation and list of annotations in endnotes.

Minor editorial changes allowed under the provisions of the Reprints Act 1992 have been made to use aspects of format and printing style consistent with current drafting practice (s 35).

This page is specific to this reprint. See previous reprints for information about earlier changes made under the Reprints Act 1992. A table of earlier reprints is included in the endnotes.

**Also see endnotes for information about when provisions commenced.**

**Queensland**

# **WEAPONS CATEGORIES REGULATION 1997**

## **TABLE OF PROVISIONS**

Section	Page
1 Short title . . . . .	3
2 Category A weapons . . . . .	3
3 Category B weapons . . . . .	3
4 Category C weapons . . . . .	4
5 Category D weapons . . . . .	4
6 Category E weapons . . . . .	5
7 Category H weapons . . . . .	5
8 Category R weapons . . . . .	5
9 Restricted items (Act, s 67) . . . . .	7

## **ENDNOTES**

1 Index to endnotes . . . . .	8
2 Date to which amendments incorporated. . . . .	8
3 Key . . . . .	8
4 Table of earlier reprints . . . . .	9
5 List of legislation . . . . .	9
6 List of annotations . . . . .	9



# WEAPONS CATEGORIES REGULATION 1997

[as amended by all amendments that commenced on or before 14 September 2001]

## 1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the Weapons Categories Regulation 1997.<sup>1</sup>

## 2 Category A weapons

(1) Each of the following is a category A weapon if it has not been rendered permanently inoperable—

- (a) a miniature cannon under 120 cm in barrel length that is a black powder and muzzle loading cannon, depicting a scale model of an historical artillery piece or naval gun;
- (b) an air rifle;
- (c) a blank-fire firearm at least 75 cm in length;
- (d) a rimfire rifle (other than a self-loading rimfire rifle);
- (e) a single or double barrel shotgun;
- (f) a powerhead.

(2) A conversion unit is also a category A weapon.

(3) In this section—

**“conversion unit”** means a unit or device or barrel that is capable of being used for converting a category A weapon that is a firearm from one calibre to another calibre.

## 3 Category B weapons

(1) Each of the following is a category B weapon if it has not been rendered permanently inoperable—

---

<sup>1</sup> This is a reprint of the *Weapons Categories Regulation 1997* set out in schedule 1 of the *Weapons and Other Legislation Amendment Act 1997* No. 48.

*Weapons Categories Regulation 1997*

---

- (a) a muzzle-loading firearm;
  - (b) a single shot centre fire rifle;
  - (c) a double barrel centre fire rifle;
  - (d) a repeating centre fire rifle;
  - (e) a break action shotgun and rifle combination.
- (2) A conversion unit is also a category B weapon.

(3) In this section—

**“conversion unit”** means a unit or device or barrel that is capable of being used for converting a category B weapon that is a firearm from one calibre to another calibre.

#### **4 Category C weapons**

Each of the following is a category C weapon if it has not been rendered permanently inoperable—

- (a) a semiautomatic rimfire rifle with a magazine capacity no greater than 10 rounds;
- (b) a semiautomatic shotgun with a magazine capacity no greater than 5 rounds;
- (c) a pump action shotgun with a magazine capacity no greater than 5 rounds.

#### **5 Category D weapons**

Each of the following is a category D weapon—

- (a) a self-loading centre fire rifle designed or adapted for military purposes or a firearm that substantially duplicates a rifle of that type in design, function or appearance;
- (b) a non-military style self-loading centre fire rifle with either an integral or detachable magazine;
- (c) a self-loading shotgun with either an integral or detachable magazine with a capacity of more than 5 rounds and a pump action shotgun with a capacity of more than 5 rounds;
- (d) a self-loading rimfire rifle with a magazine capacity of more than 10 rounds.

## 6 Category E weapons

A bulletproof vest or protective body vest or body armour designed to prevent the penetration of small arms projectiles is a category E weapon.

## 7 Category H weapons

(1) A firearm, including an air pistol and a blank-fire firearm, under 75 cm in length, other than a powerhead, is a category H weapon, regardless of whether it has been rendered permanently inoperable.

(2) A conversion unit is also a category H weapon.

(3) This section does not apply to a powerhead or category C, D or R weapon.

(4) In this section—

“**conversion unit**” means a unit or device or barrel that is capable of being used for converting a category H weapon that is a firearm from one calibre to another calibre.

## 8 Category R weapons

Each of the following is a category R weapon—

- (a) a machine gun or submachine gun that is fully automatic in its operation and actuated by energy developed when it is being fired or has multiple revolving barrels, and any replica or facsimile of a machine gun or submachine gun that is not a toy;
- (b) a firearm capable of firing 50 calibre BMG cartridge ammunition;
- (c) any clothing, apparel, accessory or article designed to disguise any weapon or other cutting or piercing instrument capable of causing bodily harm;
- (d) an antipersonnel gas and an antipersonnel substance of a corrosive, noxious or irritant nature or that is capable of causing bodily harm, and any weapon capable of discharging the gas or substance by any means;
- (e) an acoustical antipersonnel device of an intensity that is capable of causing bodily harm;

*Weapons Categories Regulation 1997*

---

- (f) an electrical antipersonnel device of an intensity that is capable of causing bodily harm;
- (g) a hand grenade, other than an inert hand grenade, and an antipersonnel mine;
- (h) a rocket launcher, recoilless rifle, antitank rifle, a bazooka or a rocket propelled grenade type launcher;
- (i) any knife so designed or constructed so as to be used as a weapon that while the knife is held in 1 hand, the blade may be released by that hand;
- (j) any clothing, apparel, adornment or accessory designed for use as a weapon or a cutting or piercing instrument capable of causing bodily harm;
- (k) a mortar, all artillery and any incendiary or inflammable device containing any substance capable of causing bodily harm or damage to property;
- (l) any crossbow designed to be discharged by the use of 1 hand (that is not a toy pistol crossbow) that when discharged is capable of causing damage or injury to property or capable of causing bodily harm;
- (m) a chinese throwing iron that is a hard non-flexible plate having 3 or more radiating points with 1 or more sharp edges in the shape of a polygon, trefoil, cross, star, diamond or geometric shape and constructed or designed to be thrown as a weapon;
- (n) a flail or similar device constructed and designed as a weapon consisting of in part a striking head and which, if used offensively, is capable of causing bodily harm;
- (o) a device known as a 'manrikiguisari' or 'kusari', consisting of a length of rope, cord, wire or chain fastened at each end to a geometrically shaped weight or handgrip and constructed or designed for use as a weapon;
- (p) a device known as a knuckleduster or any device made or adapted for use as a knuckleduster and which, if used offensively against a person, is capable of causing bodily harm;
- (q) a weighted glove designed or constructed to be used as a weapon;
- (r) a mace or any similar article (other than a ceremonial mace made for and used solely as a symbol of authority on ceremonial occasions);



- (s) a silencer or other device or contrivance made or used, or capable of being used or intended to be used, for reducing the sound caused by discharging a firearm;
- (t) any device, not a toy, constructed or designed as a telescopic baton, the extension of which is actuated by the operation of a mechanical trigger.

## **9 Restricted items (Act, s 67)**

The following items are restricted items for section 67<sup>2</sup> of the Act—

- (a) handcuffs, thumbcuffs or other similar restraints;
- (b) nunchaku or kung-fu sticks or any similar device which consists of 2 hard non-flexible sticks, clubs, pipes or rods connected by a length of rope, cord, wire or chain constructed or designed to be used in connection with the practice of a system of self-defence and which if used offensively against a person is or are capable of causing bodily harm;
- (c) a billy club, a baton or any device constructed or designed as a telescopic baton, not being a toy or a category R weapon, that if used is capable of causing bodily harm;
- (d) any studded glove which if used offensively against a person is capable of causing bodily harm.

---

2 Section 67 (Possessing and acquiring restricted items)

## ENDNOTES

### 1 Index to endnotes

		Page
2	Date to which amendments incorporated . . . . .	8
3	Key . . . . .	8
4	Table of earlier reprints . . . . .	9
5	List of legislation . . . . .	9
6	List of annotations . . . . .	9

### 2 Date to which amendments incorporated

This is the reprint date mentioned in the Reprints Act 1992, section 5(c). Accordingly, this reprint includes all amendments that commenced operation on or before 14 September 2001. Future amendments of the Weapons Categories Regulation 1997 may be made in accordance with this reprint under the Reprints Act 1992, section 49.

### 3 Key

#### Key to abbreviations in list of legislation and annotations

Key	Explanation	Key	Explanation
AIA	= Acts Interpretation Act 1954	prev	= previous
amd	= amended	(prev)	= previously
amdt	= amendment	proc	= proclamation
ch	= chapter	prov	= provision
def	= definition	pt	= part
div	= division	pubd	= published
exp	= expires/expired	R[X]	= Reprint No.[X]
gaz	= gazette	RA	= Reprints Act 1992
hdg	= heading	reloc	= relocated
ins	= inserted	renum	= renumbered
lap	= lapsed	rep	= repealed
notfd	= notified	s	= section
o in c	= order in council	sch	= schedule
om	= omitted	sdiv	= subdivision
orig	= original	SIA	= Statutory Instruments Act 1992
p	= page	SIR	= Statutory Instruments Regulation 1992
para	= paragraph	SL	= subordinate legislation
prec	= preceding	sub	= substituted
pres	= present	unnum	= unnumbered

## 4 Table of earlier reprints

### TABLE OF EARLIER REPRINTS

[If a reprint number includes a roman letter, the reprint was released in unauthorised, electronic form only.]

Reprint No.	Amendments included	Reprint date
1	none	17 November 1997

## 5 List of legislation

### **Weapons Categories Regulation 1997**

enacted by the Weapons and Other Legislation Amendment Act 1997 No. 48 s 57  
sch 1 on 14 November 1997 (1997 SL No. 381)

commenced 14 November 1997

SIA pt 7 does not apply (see SIA sch 2A)

as amended by—

### **Weapons Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2001 SL No. 87 pts 1–2**

notfd gaz 29 June 2001 pp 822–5

commenced on date of notification

## 6 List of annotations

### **Category H weapons**

s 7 amd 2001 SL No. 87 s 3