



Security clearance

Explosives and security sensitive substances

It is important for the safety of all South Australians that only people who are fit and proper have unsupervised access to explosives and security sensitive substances. One aspect that SafeWork SA considers in this assessment is a person's criminal history. Everyone who applies for the following licences or permits must supply a National Police Certificate (NPC) at the time of application:

- Blasters licence
- Permit to purchase explosives
- Licence to mix and use ammonium nitrate
- Pyrotechnician's licence (including a business display licence)
- Security Sensitive Ammonium Nitrate (SSAN) security cleared person.

In addition, people who require access to SSAN must also complete a background screening check conducted by the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO).

The requirement for this assessment is detailed in Regulations 4.04, 14.06 and 14A.03(6) of the *Explosives Regulations 2011*, Regulation 26(3), 26(4) and 26(5)(b) of the *Explosives (Security Sensitive Substances) Regulations 2006*, and Regulations 10(d), 19(b), 19(c), 24(b) and 24(c) of the *Explosives (Fireworks) Regulations 2016*.

An NPC must be supplied each time you apply for a licence or permit, however the ASIO check is only conducted the first time you apply for access to SSAN.

While each application is treated on its own merits, if your NPC reveals a history of violence within the previous 10 years, or a history of other offending in the previous 5 years, you may be asked to provide further information to justify why we should grant the licence or permit.

SafeWork SA will accept NPC's which are not more than three months old at the time of application. These must be conducted either by the South Australia Police, or by an independent agency accredited by the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC).

- Some of these certificates provide links for SafeWork SA to independently verify the authenticity of the certificate – in this case you can supply a scanned copy via e-mail along with the application.
- Where the certificate does not provide a link for independent verification, you must supply either the original document (this will be returned when the licence is issued), or



a copy of the document certified by a Justice of the Peace (JP) or Proclaimed Police Officer.

All fees incurred by you when applying for an NPC are your responsibility. Information about how to apply for an NPC can be found on the following websites:

www.acic.gov.au/i-need-check-myself

www.police.sa.gov.au/services-and-events/apply-for-a-police-record-check

The application form for the ASIO security clearance form can be obtained from the SafeWork SA website:

www.safework.sa.gov.au/licence-and-registration/apply-renew/ammonium-nitrate-licences

For further information about this topic, please see contact us directly on 1300 365 255, or via email help.safework@sa.gov.au.

All application forms are available on our website:

www.safework.sa.gov.au/licence-and-registration/apply-renew/explosives-licences



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