

Attachment 2.

VICTORIA POLICE

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

Preamble:

A State of Disaster was declared by the Victorian Government on 2 August 2020 in addition to the State of Emergency. Metropolitan Melbourne moved to Stage 4 restrictions strictly limiting movement to within 5 kilometres of home and for permitted reasons outlined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

As a result of the 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, Victoria Police acknowledge that holders of a handgun target shooting licence are likely to be constrained in meeting their annual participation requirements for the 2020 calendar year.

The Chief Commissioner of Police now issues the following licence condition variation providing these holders with the benefit of an exemption from all participation requirements for the 2020 participation year.

Approved handgun clubs are still required to submit an annual report for 2020 within 3 months after the end of the calendar year to the Chief Commissioner of Police in accordance with s.123C of the Firearms Act 1996.

Variation of Licence Condition:

The Chief Commissioner of Police hereby gives notice of the following variation of the conditions applying to general category handgun licences as set out in Section 16(3) of the Firearms Act 1996 (the Act).

In accordance with Section 37 of the Act and for the purposes of this Variation, General Category Handgun Licence holders subject to the conditions outlined in Section 16(3) are not required to participate in handgun target shoots or matches for the 2020 calendar year.

**Shane Patton APM
Chief Commissioner of Police
Victoria Police
14 September 2020**