

## Guide to Schedule 1(6) of the Firearms Act 1996 (Prohibited Firearms)



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*Advice from Tasmania Police on How to Categorise Firearms*

This document was prepared by Firearms Services for the purpose of providing guidance to firearms dealers, the public and internal stakeholders about the correct identification of firearms that would fall under Schedule 1 (Prohibited Firearms) and in particular Item (6), as highlighted below:

#### Firearms Act 1996 – Schedule 1

The following firearms are prohibited firearms:

1. **Any machine gun, submachine gun or other firearm capable of propelling projectiles in rapid succession during one pressure of the trigger.**
2. Any self-loading rim-fire rifle.
3. Any self-loading centre-fire rifle.
4. Any self-loading shotgun.
5. Any pump action shotgun.
6. **Any firearm that substantially duplicates in appearance a firearm referred to in item 1.**
7. Any firearm to which there is attached any article or device capable of muffling, reducing or stopping the noise created by firing the firearm.
8. A pistol that is of a reduced or an abridged size.
9. Any firearm or part of a firearm which has a dimension less than the prescribed minimum dimension.
10. A prohibited pistol.
11. Any ex-military firearm that is a firearm in relation to which a firearm licence may not be issued.
12. Any ordnance.

Under this Schedule, firearms that would ordinarily be classified as a Category A, B, C, D or H firearm under the Act, but which substantially duplicate in appearance:

- A machine gun;
- A submachine gun, or;
- Other firearm capable of propelling projectiles in rapid succession during one pressure of the trigger;

are considered prohibited firearms and therefore not registrable.

In consultation with the Department's ballistics experts, the following features have been identified as contributing to whether a firearm substantially duplicates a firearm as referred to in Item 1 of the Schedule:

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- 1) Pistol grip
- 2) Fore-end shroud
- 3) Detachable extended magazine shroud or similar
- 4) Skeleton/folding/adjustable stock.

The presence of one or more of the above features on a firearm will result in an assessment and may result in it being categorised as a prohibited firearm. To assist with interpretation of how such an assessment and categorisation may occur, examples are provided below, depicting firearms that are considered to fall under the classification of Schedule 1(6).

**It is to be understood that the below list are examples only and should not be taken as an exhaustive list.** Firearms Services will review additional make/models as information becomes available and add to the list as necessary.

Should a firearms dealer be unsure about the classification of any firearm that is handled through their business, they are required to contact Firearms Services with a photo of the firearm in question so that a determination may be made by an expert accordingly.

### Examples of Prohibited Firearms (by virtue of Schedule 1(6))

Ruger Precision	 <p>OPTICS NOT INCLUDED</p>
Savage 110BA and Savage 10BA	 <p>Modell SA 110, .308 WinMag / .338 Lapua Mag Lieferung ohne Zielfernrohr &amp; Zielrohr</p> <p>Modell SA 10, .308Win</p>
Weatherby Vanguard Modular Chassis	

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<p><b>SAKO M10</b></p>	 A black SAKO M10 rifle with a long barrel and a distinctive textured handguard.
<p><b>Armalite AR-31</b></p>	 A black Armalite AR-31 rifle with a long barrel and a folding stock.
<p><b>Armalite AR-30</b></p>	 A black Armalite AR-30 rifle with a long barrel and a folding stock.
<p><b>Alexander Arms R17</b></p>	 A black Alexander Arms R17 rifle with a long barrel, a scope, and a folding stock.
<p><b>German Sport Gun 522</b></p>	 A black German Sport Gun 522 rifle with a long barrel and a folding stock.

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<p><b>German Sport Gun STG44</b></p>	 A German Sport Gun STG44, a submachine gun with a wooden stock and a black metal body.
<p><b>German Sport Gun AK-47</b></p>	 A German Sport Gun AK-47, a submachine gun with a black plastic stock and a black metal body.
<p><b>Walther HK 416</b></p>	 A Walther HK 416, a submachine gun with a black plastic stock and a black metal body.
<p><b>MOLOT VEPR 12</b></p>	 A MOLOT VEPR 12, a submachine gun with a black plastic stock and a black metal body.

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<p><b>Saiga 12</b></p>	 A black Saiga 12 semi-automatic rifle with a curved magazine and a long barrel.
<p><b>Smith &amp; Wesson M&amp;P15-22</b></p>	 A black Smith & Wesson M&P15-22 semi-automatic rifle with a standard magazine and a long barrel.
<p><b>Heckler &amp; Koch R8</b></p>	 A black Heckler & Koch R8 semi-automatic rifle with a distinctive stock and a long barrel.
<p><b>DPMS Pump Action Rifle</b></p>	 A black DPMS Pump Action Rifle with a pump-action mechanism and a long barrel.
<p><b>Olympic Arms Match E2 MK2 Rifle</b></p>	 A black Olympic Arms Match E2 MK2 rifle with a long barrel and a distinctive stock.

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<p><b>Australian Automatic Arms SAP</b></p>	 A compact, black submachine gun with a curved magazine and a short barrel.
<p><b>Australian Automatic Arms SAR</b></p>	 A tan-colored submachine gun with a long barrel, a carrying handle, and a shoulder stock.
<p><b>Warwick WFA1</b></p>	 A tan-colored assault rifle with a long barrel, a carrying handle, and a shoulder stock.
<p><b>Lithgow Bren MK1</b></p>	 A silver-colored machine gun with a long barrel, a carrying handle, and a bipod.
<p><b>Enfield L4A4</b></p>	 A blue machine gun with a long barrel, a carrying handle, and a bipod.

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