



Western Australia

Weapons Regulations 1999

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1. Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Weapons Regulations 1999* ¹.

2. Commencement

These regulations come into operation on the day fixed by proclamation under section 2(1) of the Act ¹.

3. Terms used

In these regulations, unless the contrary intention appears —

approved electric shock case means a briefcase or suitcase of the kind described in regulation 6(1);

baton means a short stick or rod —

- (a) made of any material; and
- (b) made or modified to be used to injure or disable a person or as a martial arts weapon,

and includes a bludgeon, club, cudgel, truncheon or the article commonly known as the police nightstick;

capsicum spray weapon means a spray weapon made or modified to be used to discharge oleoresin capsicum;

catapult includes a ging, shanghai or slingshot;

discharge includes to propel;

injure or disable does not include administer, in good faith and with reasonable care and skill, surgical or medical treatment;

martial arts weapon means an article made or modified to be used for attack or defence in the practice of a martial sport, art or similar discipline;

missile includes an arrow, bolt, bullet, dart, knife, shot, spear or any other article made or modified to be discharged from another article so as to injure or disable a person or in the practice of a martial sport, art or similar discipline;

spray weapon means an article made or modified to be used to discharge a substance in the form of a spray so as to injure or disable a person and includes the substance.

[Regulation 3 amended: SL 2024/267 r. 4; SL 2024/282 r. 6.]

4. Prohibited weapons prescribed (Act s. 3) (Sch. 1)

An article described in the third column of Schedule 1 is prescribed to be a prohibited weapon.

5. Controlled weapons prescribed (Act s. 3) (Sch. 2)

An article described in the third column of Schedule 2 is prescribed to be a controlled weapon.

5A. Edged weapons prescribed (Act s. 3A) (Sch. 3)

For the purposes of the definition of **edged weapon** in section 3A of the Act, an article described in Schedule 3 is an edged weapon.

[Regulation 5A inserted: SL 2024/282 r. 7.]

6. Approved electric shock cases may be used for defence (Act s. 5A(2))

(1A) A briefcase or suitcase of the kind described in subregulation (1) is prescribed for the purposes of section 5A(2) of the Act.

- (1) A briefcase or suitcase that —
- (a) is made or modified to discharge an electric current so as to deter the theft of the case; and
 - (b) is, or is of a standard or type that is, approved by the Minister, for the purposes of this regulation, by notice in the *Gazette*.

- (2) For the purposes of section 5A(2) of the Act, a person may carry or possess an approved electric shock case if the person carries or possesses it for the purpose of it being used in lawful defence in circumstances that the person has reasonable grounds to apprehend may arise.

[Regulation 6 amended: SL 2024/282 r. 8.]

7. Capsicum spray weapons may be used for defence (Act s. 5A(2))

For the purposes of section 5A(2) of the Act, a person may carry or possess a capsicum spray weapon if the person carries or possesses it for the purpose of it being used in lawful defence in circumstances that the person has reasonable grounds to apprehend may arise.

[Regulation 7 inserted: SL 2024/282 r. 9.]

8. Circumstances prescribed (Act s. 10(3))

- (1) For the purposes of section 10(3), prescribed circumstances are the carrying or possession of an extendable baton by a person who is the holder of a security officer's licence issued for the

purpose of section 16 of the *Security and Related Activities (Control) Act 1996* if —

- (a) the person is engaged in activities authorised by his or her licence; and
 - (b) the person's licence is endorsed under section 26(3) of the *Security and Related Activities (Control) Act 1996* to permit the person to be in possession of a baton while engaged in activities authorised by the licence; and
 - (c) the baton is of a type approved by the Commissioner of Police by order published in the *Gazette* under section 26(2)(b) of the *Security and Related Activities (Control) Act 1996*.
- (1a) For the purposes of section 10(3), prescribed circumstances are the carrying or possession of an extendable baton by a person who —
- (a) is the provider of a training course, under the *Security and Related Activities (Control) Act 1996*, conducting an approved training course in baton use —
 - (i) as required by the holder of a security officer's licence to obtain an endorsement under section 26 of that Act; or
 - (ii) for a person undergoing a training course in baton use under that Act for the purposes of having or keeping a security officer's licence with an endorsement under section 26 of that Act;
 - or
 - (b) supplies the provider of an approved training course in baton use, under the *Security and Related Activities*

(Control) Act 1996, with weapons for that course, while so providing or storing the weapons,

if the baton is of a type approved by the Commissioner of Police by order published in the *Gazette* under section 26(2)(b) of the *Security and Related Activities (Control) Act 1996*.

- (1b) For the purposes of section 10(3), prescribed circumstances are the carrying or possession of an extendable baton by a person who is undergoing an approved training course in baton use under the *Security and Related Activities (Control) Act 1996*, where the person —
- (a) is the holder of a security officer's licence but is seeking an endorsement under section 26 of that Act; or
 - (b) is undergoing that course for the purposes of having or keeping a security officer's licence with an endorsement under section 26 of that Act,

if the baton is of a type approved by the Commissioner of Police by order published in the *Gazette* under section 26(2)(b) of the *Security and Related Activities (Control) Act 1996*.

- (2) In this regulation —

extendable baton means a baton referred to in Schedule 1 item 10.

[Regulation 8 inserted: *Gazette* 29 Feb 2000 p. 997-8;
amended: *Gazette* 9 Jun 2000 p. 2774; 12 Sep 2006 p. 3665-6.]

9. Certain collectors and others excepted from Act s. 6(1)(a) to (c) in relation to specified prohibited weapons

- (1) An exempt collector or any other person who, for the purpose of adding to an exempt collector's private collection —
- (a) brings or sends into the State a specified prohibited weapon; or

- (b) purchases a specified prohibited weapon from a person who is lawfully entitled to sell the weapon,

does not commit an offence under section 6(1)(a) or (c) of the Act.
- (2) An exempt collector or any other person who, for the purpose of keeping, adding to, or disposing of all or any of an exempt collector's private collection, carries or possesses a specified prohibited weapon does not commit an offence under section 6(1)(b) of the Act.
- (3) An exempt collector or any other person who, for the purpose of disposing of all or any of an exempt collector's private collection, sells or supplies a specified prohibited weapon to a person who is lawfully entitled to purchase or possess the weapon does not commit an offence under section 6(1)(c) of the Act.
- (4) If the Minister is satisfied that —
 - (a) a person was on or before the relevant date a genuine collector of specified prohibited weapons; and
 - (b) the person is fit and proper to be an exempt collector of specified prohibited weapons; and
 - (c) adequate arrangements exist to keep the collection secure,

the Minister may give to the person written notice that the person is an exempt collector.
- (5) If, after giving a notice under subregulation (4), the Minister is no longer satisfied as to any of the circumstances described in that subregulation, the Minister may give to the exempt collector written notice that, on a day specified in the notice (being a day that is not less than 30 days after the notice is given), the person ceases to be an exempt collector, and the notice has effect accordingly.

- (6) In this regulation —

exempt collector means a person who has been given a notice under subregulation (4) and has not ceased to be an exempt collector because of a notice under subregulation (5);

relevant date —

- (a) in relation to an article described in the third column of Schedule 1 item 3, 7, 10, 11, 12 or 13 — means 29 February 2000;
- (b) in relation to the article described in the third column of Schedule 1 item 7A — means 1 July 2011;

specified prohibited weapon means an article described in the third column of Schedule 1 item 3, 7, 7A, 10, 11, 12 or 13.

[Regulation 9 inserted: Gazette 10 Mar 2000 p. 1122-3;
amended: Gazette 8 Apr 2011 p. 1282-3.]

10. Prison officers and other authorised persons excepted from Act s. 6, 6A, 7 and 8

A person does not commit an offence under section 6, 6A, 7 or 8 of the Act only because of something done by the person in the performance of the person's functions as —

- (a) a prison officer as defined in the *Prisons Act 1981*; or
- (b) a person authorised to exercise a power set out in Division 1, 2 or 3 of Schedule 2 to the *Court Security and Custodial Services Act 1999* or a power set out in Schedule 3 to that Act.

[Regulation 10 inserted: Gazette 28 Jul 2000 p. 4027;
amended: SL 2024/282 r. 10.]

10A. Custodial officers excepted from Act s. 7 in relation to capsicum spray weapons

- (1) In this regulation —

custodial officer has the meaning given in the *Young Offenders Act 1994* section 3(1).

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- (2) A person does not commit an offence under section 7(1) of the Act only because the person, in the performance of the person's functions as a custodial officer, carries or possesses a capsicum spray weapon.
- (3) A person does not commit an offence under section 7(2) of the Act only because the person, in the performance of the person's functions as a custodial officer, carries or possesses a capsicum spray weapon in a manner that could reasonably be expected to cause someone —
 - (a) to be injured or disabled; or
 - (b) to fear that someone will be injured or disabled.

[Regulation 10A inserted: SL 2024/267 r. 6.]

11. Certain people excepted from Act s. 6 in relation to blow pipes

- (1) In this regulation —
 - exempt event** means a recreational event, training session or sporting competition, organised and supervised by the WA Disabled Sports Association (Inc.) or one or more of the WA Disabled Sports Association (Inc.) member clubs;
 - participant** includes a person assisting a participant;
 - possess** in relation to a blow pipe includes having access to a blow pipe while it is being stored;
 - WA Disabled Sports Association (Inc.) member** includes a member of one of the WA Disabled Sports Association (Inc.) member clubs.
- (2) A person does not commit an offence under section 6 of the Act if that person —
 - (a) carries or possesses a blow pipe; or
 - (b) attempts to carry or possess a blow pipe,if the person does so as a participant in an exempt event.

- (3) A WA Disabled Sports Association (Inc.) member does not commit an offence under section 6 of the Act if that person —
- (a) brings or sends a blow pipe into the State; or
 - (b) carries or possesses a blow pipe; or
 - (c) purchases, sells or supplies a blow pipe; or
 - (d) manufactures a blow pipe,

or attempts to do any of those things, if that member does one or more of those things as a part of the organisation, control or supervision of an exempt event.

[Regulation 11 inserted: Gazette 29 Feb 2008 p. 693.]

12. Federal and interstate police officers excepted from Act s. 6, 6A, 7 and 8

A person does not commit an offence under section 6, 6A, 7 or 8 of the Act only because of something done by the person in the performance of the person's functions as —

- (a) a member of the Australian Federal Police; or
- (b) a member of the police force of another State or a Territory; or
- (c) a police officer of this State, South Australia or the Northern Territory under the *Cross-border Justice Act 2008* section 7(1).

[Regulation 12 inserted: Gazette 12 Mar 2010 p. 953; amended: SL 2024/282 r. 11.]

12A. Aviation and maritime security inspectors excepted from Act s. 6, 6A, 7 and 8

- (1) In this regulation —
- aviation security inspector** has the meaning given in the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004* (Commonwealth) section 9;

maritime security inspector has the meaning given in the *Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act 2003* (Commonwealth) section 10;

Secretary has the meaning given in the *Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act 2003* (Commonwealth) section 10.

- (2) A person does not commit an offence under section 6, 6A, 7 or 8 of the Act only because of something done by the person in the performance of the person's functions as —
 - (a) an aviation security inspector; or
 - (b) a maritime security inspector.
- (3) In subregulation (2)(b), a person's functions as a maritime security inspector include a function the performance of which is permitted in writing by the Secretary under the *Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act 2003* (Commonwealth).

[Regulation 12A inserted: Gazette 22 Oct 2019 p. 3719;
amended: SL 2024/282 r. 12.]

13. People connected with dramatic productions excepted from Act s. 6

- (1) In this regulation —
 - dramatic production** means a theatrical, television, film or other dramatic production;
 - exemption notice** means a notice under subregulation (3);
 - exempt production** means a dramatic production in relation to which an exemption notice has been given and that has not ceased to be an exempt production because of a notice under subregulation (7);
 - specified weapon** means a prohibited weapon specified in an exemption notice.

(2) The producer of a dramatic production may apply in writing to the Commissioner of Police for an exemption notice.

(3) If the Commissioner of Police is satisfied that —

- (a) a particular prohibited weapon is required in or for the dramatic production and for no other purpose; and
- (b) the producer is fit and proper to be a producer of an exempt production; and
- (c) if the prohibited weapon is to be manufactured in or for the production — the weapon will be manufactured safely; and
- (d) the prohibited weapon will be used only —
 - (i) in or for the production; and
 - (ii) in a safe manner;and
- (e) adequate arrangements exist to keep the prohibited weapon secure when it is not being used,

the Commissioner of Police may give to the producer written notice permitting the use of the prohibited weapon in and for the production.

(4) A person does not commit an offence under section 6 of the Act if that person —

- (a) brings or sends a specified weapon into the State; or
- (b) carries or possesses a specified weapon; or
- (c) purchases, sells or supplies a specified weapon; or
- (d) manufactures a specified weapon,

or attempts to do any of those things, if that person does so in or for the exempt production and for no other purpose.

- (5) An exemption notice must specify —
 - (a) that the specified weapon is to be lawfully disposed of after it ceases to be required in or for the exempt production; and
 - (b) how the specified weapon may be lawfully disposed of.
- (6) A person does not commit an offence under section 6(1)(c) of the Act if that person disposes, or attempts to dispose, of a specified weapon in accordance with the exemption notice.
- (7) If, after giving an exemption notice, the Commissioner of Police is no longer satisfied as to any of the circumstances described in subregulation (3), the Commissioner of Police may give to the producer written notice that, on a day specified in the notice (being a day that is not less than 30 days after the notice is given), the production ceases to be an exempt production, and the notice has effect accordingly.

[Regulation 13 inserted: Gazette 8 Apr 2011 p. 1283-4.]

14. Exempt arbalests and others excepted from Act s. 6 in relation to crossbows in certain circumstances

- (1) In this regulation —
 - Archery Australia (Inc.) member** includes a member of one of Archery Australia (Inc.) member clubs;
 - crossbow** does not include a crossbow made or modified to be used with one hand;
 - exempt arbalest** means a person who has been given a notice under subregulation (6) and has not ceased to be an exempt arbalest because of a notice under subregulation (7).
- (2) An exempt arbalest or any other person who, for the purpose of selling or supplying a crossbow to an exempt arbalest —
 - (a) brings or sends into the State a crossbow; or

- (b) purchases a crossbow from a person who is lawfully entitled to sell the weapon,

does not commit an offence under section 6(1)(a) or (c) of the Act.
- (3) An exempt arbalest who, for the purpose of engaging in the sport of crossbow archery, carries or possesses a crossbow does not commit an offence under section 6(1)(b) of the Act.
- (4) An exempt arbalest or any other person who, for the purpose of selling or supplying a crossbow to an exempt arbalest, carries or possesses a crossbow does not commit an offence under section 6(1)(b) of the Act.
- (5) An exempt arbalest or any other person who, for the purpose of disposing of all or any of an exempt arbalest's crossbows, sells or supplies a crossbow to a person who is lawfully entitled to purchase or possess the crossbow does not commit an offence under section 6(1)(c) of the Act.
- (6) If the Minister is satisfied that —
 - (a) a person was on or before 1 July 2011 an Archery Australia (Inc.) member; and
 - (b) on or before 1 July 2011 the person possessed a crossbow for the purposes of taking part in crossbow events or competition; and
 - (c) the person is fit and proper to be an exempt arbalest; and
 - (d) adequate arrangements exist to keep each of the person's crossbows secure,the Minister may give to the person written notice that the person is an exempt arbalest.
- (7) If, after giving a notice under subregulation (6), the Minister is no longer satisfied as to any of the circumstances described in that subregulation, the Minister may give to the exempt arbalest written notice that, on a day specified in the notice (being a day

that is not less than 30 days after the notice is given), the person ceases to be an exempt arbalest, and the notice has effect accordingly.

[Regulation 14 inserted: Gazette 8 Apr 2011 p. 1284-6.]

15. People connected with significant defence events excepted from Act s. 6, 6A(1) and 7(1)

(1) In this regulation —

Commissioner means the Commissioner of Police;

defence event activity means —

- (a) displaying, exhibiting or demonstrating prohibited weapons, edged weapons or controlled weapons at a significant defence event; or
- (b) any other activity (whether carried out before, during or after a significant defence event) that is ancillary or incidental to an activity referred to in paragraph (a);

exempt activity, in relation to an exemption notice, means a defence event activity specified in the exemption notice under subregulation (3)(a);

exemption notice means a notice under subregulation (3);

exempt person, in relation to an exemption notice, means a person specified in the exemption notice under subregulation (3)(b);

exempt weapon, in relation to an exemption notice, means a weapon specified in the exemption notice under subregulation (3)(c);

registered attendee, in relation to a significant defence event, means a person who is registered by the organiser of the event to attend the event;

significant defence event has the meaning given in the *Firearms Regulations 2024* regulation 212.

- (2) A person (the **exhibitor**) may apply in writing to the Commissioner for an exemption notice for a significant defence event.
- (3) If the Commissioner is satisfied of the matters referred to in subregulation (4), the Commissioner may give the exhibitor a written notice giving an exemption for the significant defence event and specifying —
 - (a) the defence event activity or activities related to the significant defence event, and to be carried out by the exhibitor, to which the exemption applies; and
 - (b) the person or persons to whom the exemption applies; and
 - (c) the weapon or weapons to which the exemption applies.
- (4) For the purposes of subregulation (3), the Commissioner must be satisfied that —
 - (a) each weapon specified under subregulation (3)(c) is required for the purposes of, or in connection with, the carrying out of the defence event activity or activities specified under subregulation (3)(a); and
 - (b) each person specified under subregulation (3)(b) is a fit and proper person for the exemption to apply to; and
 - (c) adequate arrangements exist to keep each weapon secure while it is at the significant defence event and while it is being transported within the State.
- (5) A person does not commit an offence under section 6(1) of the Act if the person —
 - (a) is an exempt person under an exemption notice; and

- (b) does or attempts to do any of the following for the purposes of, or in connection with, an exempt activity under the exemption notice —
 - (i) brings or sends into the State a prohibited weapon that is an exempt weapon under the exemption notice;
 - (ii) carries or possesses a prohibited weapon that is an exempt weapon under the exemption notice;
 - (iii) purchases, sells or supplies a prohibited weapon that is an exempt weapon under the exemption notice.
- (6) A person does not commit an offence under section 6A(1) or 7(1) of the Act if the person —
 - (a) is an exempt person under an exemption notice; and
 - (b) for the purposes of, or in connection with, an exempt activity under the exemption notice, carries or possesses an edged weapon or a controlled weapon that is an exempt weapon under the exemption notice.
- (7) A person does not commit an offence under section 6(1)(b), 6A(1) or 7(1) of the Act if —
 - (a) the person is a registered attendee at a significant defence event in relation to which an exemption notice has been given; and
 - (b) in the course of attending the event, the person is given possession of an exempt weapon under the exemption notice by an exempt person under the exemption notice for the purposes of having the exempt weapon demonstrated to the person; and
 - (c) the person possesses the exempt weapon at the significant defence event under the immediate supervision of the exempt person for those purposes.

- (8) If, after giving an exemption notice, the Commissioner is no longer satisfied as to any of the matters referred to in subregulation (4), the Commissioner may give the exhibitor written notice that on a day specified in the notice the exemption notice ceases to be in force.

[Regulation 15 inserted: SL 2026/127 r. 16.]

Schedule 1 — Prohibited weapons

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Item	Article	Description
1.	Acoustic shock weapon	An article made or modified to be used to emit sound so as to injure or disable a person.
1A.	Airsoft gun	An article that — (a) has the appearance of being a firearm; and (b) is made or modified to be used to discharge a spherical projectile made of ceramic, metal, plastic or biodegradable material (commonly known as a BB pellet) using a pneumatic, gas, electric or spring-loaded mechanism or a combination of those mechanisms.
2.	Ballistic knife	An article made or modified to be used to discharge a knife and includes the knife.
3.	Blow pipe	An article made or modified to be used to discharge a missile by air expelled from the mouth and includes the missile.
4.	Butterfly knife	A knife — (a) having a 2 piece handle which folds together to cover both edges of the blade; and (b) made or modified to be used to injure or disable a person or as a martial arts weapon, and includes the martial arts weapon known as the butterfly knife or balisong.
5.	Catapult (with an arm brace)	A catapult made or modified to be used with an arm brace that fits or rests on the forearm to support the wrist from the tension of the elastic material used to discharge the missile (for example, the article commonly known as the “Saunders Falcon Hunting Sling”).
6.	Commercially produced catapult (without an arm brace)	A catapult — (a) made or modified to be used without the arm brace referred to in item 5; and

Item	Article	Description
		(b) made for commercial distribution.
7A.	Crossbow	An article made or modified to be used with one or 2 hands to discharge a missile by an elastic force across a stock grooved to direct the missile and includes the missile.
7.	Disguised knife or sword	A knife or sword disguised as part of another article and includes — (a) a knife disguised as part of a belt (for example, the article commonly known as the “Bowen” knife belt); or (b) a sword disguised as a cane or stick.
8.	Electric shock weapon	An article made or modified to be used to discharge an electric current so as to injure or disable a person but does not include an approved electric shock case.
9.	Electromagnetic weapon	An article made or modified to be used to emit electromagnetic radiation so as to injure or disable a person.
10.	Extendable baton	A baton made or modified so that the length of the baton extends by gravity or centrifugal force or by any pressure applied to a button, spring or device in or attached to the handle of the baton.
10A.	Flamethrower	An article made or modified to be used to spray ignited incendiary fuel over a distance.
11.	Flick knife or Switchblade	A knife — (a) having a blade that is concealed when folded or recessed into the handle and that opens by gravity or centrifugal force or by any pressure applied to a button, spring or device in or attached to the handle of the knife; and (b) made or modified to be used to injure or disable a person or as a martial arts weapon.
11A.	Gas dart	A device designed or adapted to kill or injure an animal by injecting a gas into the body of the animal

Item	Article	Description (including a “Gas Dart”, “Farallon Shark Dart” or similar device).
11B.	Gel blaster	An article that is made or modified to be used to discharge a hydrated superabsorbent polymer ball or other similar gel-like missile and includes the ball or missile.
12.	Knuckle dusters	An article made or modified to be worn across the knuckles of a hand so as — (a) to increase the force at the point of impact of a punch or blow when striking another with those knuckles; or (b) to protect the knuckles from injury when striking another with those knuckles.
13.	Knuckle knife	A knife made or modified to be held so that the blade protrudes between the knuckles or fingers of a hand (for example, the article commonly known as the “Urban Pal” knife).
[14.	<i>deleted]</i>	
15.	Spray weapon (other than a capsicum spray weapon)	A spray weapon made or modified to be used to discharge a substance other than oleoresin capsicum.
16.	Spud gun	An article (commonly constructed of PVC or other type of piping) made or modified to be used to discharge organic material (for example, potato) using a pneumatic, gas or spring-loaded mechanism.

[Schedule 1 amended: Gazette 11 Sep 2007 p. 4613; 8 Apr 2011 p. 1286; SL 2021/120 r. 4; SL 2024/267 r. 7; SL 2024/282 r. 13; SL 2024/296 r. 17.]

Schedule 2 — Controlled weapons

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Item	Article	Description
1.	Approved electric shock case	Any approved electric shock case.
2.	Baton flail	An article consisting of 2 or more batons joined by a cord, rope or chain so as to form a flail and includes — (a) the martial arts weapon known as the nunchaku; and (b) a baton constructed in such a way that it can be unscrewed or broken to form a flail.
3.	Bow	An article made or modified to be used to discharge an arrow by an elastic force and includes the arrow.
3A.	Capsicum spray weapon	A spray weapon made or modified to be used to discharge oleoresin capsicum.
4.	Captive bolt gun	An article made or modified to be used for slaughtering an animal by means of a bolt that is fired into the animal but remains part of the article before and after the firing.
[5, 6.	<i>deleted</i>	
7.	Fixed baton	Any baton other than an extendable baton or a baton flail and includes the martial arts weapon known as the tonfa.
[8, 9.	<i>deleted</i>	
10.	Imitation firearm	An article, not being an article that is clearly a toy, that has the appearance of being a firearm but is not capable of discharging a missile.
10AA.	Light pointer	An article made or modified to be used to emit light so as to be used as a pointing device (including a laser pointer).
[10A.	<i>deleted</i>	

Item	Article	Description
11.	Metal whip	An article — (a) consisting of or incorporating a chain or a combination of a chain and metal pieces or rods; and (b) made or modified to be used as a whip, (for example, the martial arts weapons known as the Chinese whip, whip spear, 7 or 9 piece iron chain, bian tzu chiang and lien tzu chiang).
12.	Pressure point weapon	An article made or modified to be used to injure or disable a person by application to the pressure points of the human body and includes the martial arts weapon known as the kubotan.
13.	Pronged weapon	An article with 2 or more prongs and no sharp edges, made or modified to be used to injure or disable a person or as a martial arts weapon (for example, the martial arts weapons known as the sai and jitte).
[14.	<i>deleted</i>]	
15.	Spear	Any spear (for example, the martial arts weapon known as the yari).
16.	Spear-gun	An article made or modified to be used to discharge a spear.
[17.	<i>deleted</i>]	
18.	Studded weapon	An article fitted with raised pointed studs that is made or modified to be — (a) used to injure or disable a person or as a martial arts weapon; and (b) worn as an article of clothing, (for example, a studded glove).
[19-21.	<i>deleted</i>]	

Item	Article	Description
22.	Weighted chain or cord weapon	An article — (a) consisting of or incorporating a chain or cord made of any material and weighted at both ends; and (b) made or modified to be used to injure or disable a person or as a martial arts weapon, (for example, the martial arts weapons known as the kusari fundo, manrikigusari and surujin).

[Schedule 2 amended: Gazette 1 Oct 2004 p. 4284; 11 Apr 2008 p. 1392; 8 Apr 2011 p. 1286; 29 Nov 2016 p. 5323; SL 2024/267 r. 8; SL 2024/282 r. 14.]

Schedule 3 — Edged weapons

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[Heading inserted: SL 2024/282 r. 15.]

Item	Article	Description
1.	Dagger	Any dagger including a bayonet.
2.	Halberd	An article (other than a spear) consisting of a stick or pole with a blade at the end made or modified to be used to injure or disable a person or as a martial arts weapon (for example, the martial arts weapon known as the naginata).
3.	Hand or foot claws	An article consisting of claws that are made or modified to be attached to or worn on the hands or feet (for example, the martial arts weapons known as the ninja climbing claws, ninja hand claws and ninja foot claws).
4.	Sword	Any sword (for example, the martial arts weapons known as the butterfly sword, katana, wakizashi and tanto).
5.	Throwing blade or knife	A blade or knife made or modified to be thrown, including an article consisting of a blade attached to a cord, rope or chain to enable the blade to be thrown and retrieved (for example, the martial arts weapon known as the shoge, ninja kyokeysu shoge or kyotetsu shoge).
6.	Throwing star	A sharpened, star-shaped article made or modified to be thrown (for example, the martial arts weapon known as the shuriken or shaken), including a throwing star attached to a belt buckle.

[Schedule 3 inserted: SL 2024/282 r. 15.]

Notes

This is a compilation of the *Weapons Regulations 1999* and includes amendments made by other written laws. For provisions that have come into operation, and for information about any reprints, see the compilation table. [For provisions that have not yet come into operation see the uncommenced provisions table.](#)

Compilation table

Citation	Published	Commencement
<i>Weapons Regulations 1999</i>	31 Aug 1999 p. 4225-32	1 Sep 1999 (see r. 2 and <i>Gazette</i> 31 Aug 1999 p. 4235)
<i>Weapons Amendment Regulations 2000</i>	29 Feb 2000 p. 997-8	1 Mar 2000 (see r. 2)
<i>Weapons Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2000</i>	10 Mar 2000 p. 1122-3	10 Mar 2000
<i>Weapons Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2000</i>	9 Jun 2000 p. 2773-4	9 Jun 2000
<i>Weapons Amendment Regulations (No. 4) 2000</i>	28 Jul 2000 p. 4027	28 Jul 2000
Reprint of the Weapons Regulations 1999 as at 18 May 2001 (includes amendments listed above)		
<i>Weapons Amendment Regulations 2004</i>	1 Oct 2004 p. 4284	1 Oct 2004
<i>Weapons Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2006</i>	12 Sep 2006 p. 3665-6	12 Sep 2006
<i>Weapons Amendment Regulations 2007</i>	11 Sep 2007 p. 4613	r. 1 and 2: 11 Sep 2007 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 12 Sep 2007 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Weapons Amendment Regulations 2008</i>	29 Feb 2008 p. 692-3	r. 1 and 2: 29 Feb 2008 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Mar 2008 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Weapons Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2008</i>	11 Apr 2008 p. 1392	r. 1 and 2: 11 Apr 2008 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 12 Apr 2008 (see r. 2(b))
Reprint 2: The Weapons Regulations 1999 as at 4 Jul 2008 (includes amendments listed above)		

Citation	Published	Commencement
<i>Weapons Amendment Regulations 2010</i>	12 Mar 2010 p. 953	r. 1 and 2: 12 Mar 2010 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 13 Mar 2010 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Weapons Amendment Regulations 2011</i>	8 Apr 2011 p. 1282-6	r. 1 and 2: 8 Apr 2011 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Jul 2011 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Weapons Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2011</i>	16 Sep 2011 p. 3768-9	r. 1 and 2: 16 Sep 2011 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 17 Sep 2011 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Weapons Amendment Regulations 2012</i>	13 Mar 2012 p. 1037-9	r. 1 and 2: 13 Mar 2012 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 14 Mar 2012 (see r. 2(b))
Reprint 3: The Weapons Regulations 1999 as at 22 Jun 2012 (includes amendments listed above)		
<i>Police Regulations Amendment (Captive Bolt Guns) Regulations 2016 Pt. 3</i>	29 Nov 2016 p. 5322-3	30 Nov 2016 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Weapons Amendment Regulations 2019</i>	22 Oct 2019 p. 3718-19	r. 1 and 2: 22 Oct 2019 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 23 Oct 2019 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Weapons Amendment Regulations 2021</i>	SL 2021/120 2 Jul 2021	r. 1 and 2: 2 Jul 2021 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 3 Jul 2021 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Weapons Amendment Regulations 2024</i>	SL 2024/267 11 Dec 2024	r. 1 and 2: 11 Dec 2024 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 12 Dec 2024 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Police Regulations Amendment (Edged Weapons and Move On Orders) Regulations 2024 Pt. 3</i>	SL 2024/282 18 Dec 2024	20 Dec 2024 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Police Regulations Amendment (Firearms) Regulations 2024 Pt. 3</i>	SL 2024/296 21 Dec 2024	31 Mar 2025 (see r. 2(b) and SL 2024/289 cl. 2)

Citation	Published	Commencement
<i>Police Regulations Amendment (Significant Defence Events) Regulations 2026 Pt. 3</i>	SL 2026/127 24 Jun 2026	25 Jun 2026 (see r. 2(b))

Uncommenced provisions table

To view the text of the uncommenced provisions see *Subsidiary legislation as made on the WA Legislation website*.

<u>Citation</u>	<u>Published</u>	<u>Commencement</u>
<u><i>Weapons Amendment Regulations 2026 r. 3-7</i></u>	<u>SL 2026/185 2 Sep 2026</u>	<u>30 Nov 2026 (see r. 2(b))</u>

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