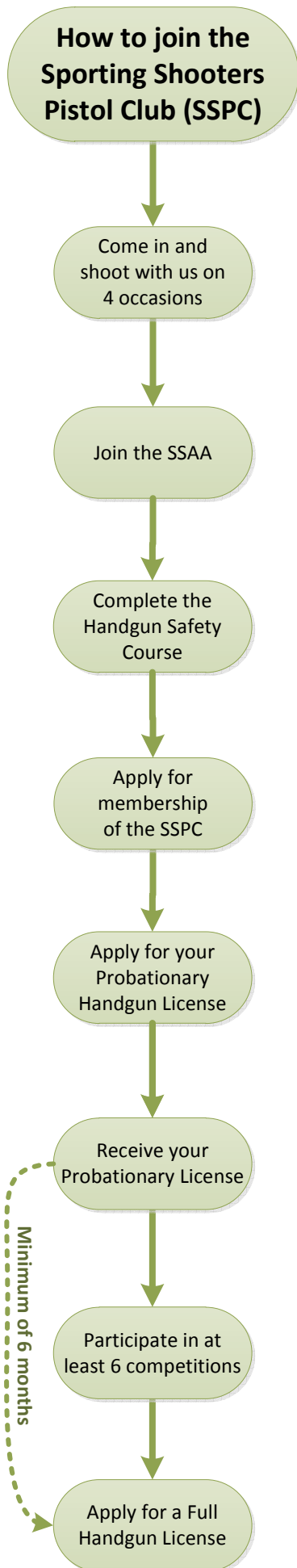


Joining a pistol club and getting a handgun license in Victoria is a fairly involved process. This chart will show you the steps required along the way.



Step 1: Try it out!

Before applying for membership of the SSPC, we require that you come along to the Springvale range and shoot with us on at least 4 occasions. This allows you to find out a bit more about the club and how we work and it allows us to get to know you a little better.

One of our range officers will be able to introduce you to the basics of handgun safety and shooting. Each time you come and shoot, you will be required to complete a NORI (Notice Of Receiving Instruction) form which is forwarded to Victoria Police. The range officer will show you the NORI form and help you complete it. You will require 2 forms of ID, one with photo, (eg Drivers License and Medicare Card). Your shoot will be recorded on your personal participation card, make sure you bring it along next time!.

Join the SSAA

We are a sub-club of the SSAA, as such you must be a member of the SSAA before becoming a member of our club. The SSAA joining forms are available from the front desk at the Springvale range. Remember that your SSAA membership comes with a free monthly magazine and you get a discounted range entry fee!

Handgun Safety Course

You will need to attend (and pass!) a handgun safety course before applying to join. Dates and costs for the handgun safety course are available from the front desk at the Springvale range. Safety courses are held once per month and generally go from 8am until 3pm on a Saturday. After completing the safety course you will be issued with a handgun safety certificate.

Apply For Membership of SSPC

Once you have at least 4 shoots recorded on your personal participation card you will be able to apply for membership. Complete the membership form and include a photocopy of your participation card, safety course certificate and SSAA membership receipt. Applications for membership are reviewed at each committee meeting (4th Tuesday of each month).

If your application is accepted then you will be required to pay the joining fee which covers your membership until the 30th of April. As a new member, you can keep shooting using NORI forms (up to a total of 10 times) until your probationary license is issued.

Apply for a Probationary Handgun License

Once you have joined the SSPC, you can apply for your Probationary Handgun License. This license will allow you to shoot and participate in competitions using club handguns. The probationary license duration is at least 6 months. During this time you must participate in at least 6 competitions with our club. Note that it takes at least 1 month for the police to process your probationary licence. While you are waiting for it to arrive you can continue to shoot with us using a NORI form.

Keep participating in Competitions!

Now you have your Probationary License, you can participate in almost all of the competitions and shoots which are held by the SSPC. Some comps require you to have a holster qualification, but you can participate in most without a holster. We also hold fun shoots (bowling pins, metal plates, etc.) These don't count towards your competition requirements, but are great fun and you get to improve your skill and meet new people.

Apply for a Full Handgun License

After holding a Probationary Handgun License for 6 months and having participated in at least 6 competitions, you can now apply for a Full Handgun License. Your full license application needs to be approved by the SSPC at the monthly committee meeting (Just like your initial membership). After you receive your full license you can look at purchasing your own handgun.