



Application to Renew the Appointment of an Australian Government Authorised Officer (AAO)

This form has been designed with the intention of being completed online.
Please ensure that ALL information requested below is completed in full, including full names, details and signatures.

1. Personal/Contact Details (AAO to complete)

Applicants must ensure that their contact details are kept up to date using the form available on the department's website at <https://www.awe.gov.au/export/controlled-goods/meat/elmer-3/change-ao> and must advise the AAO Coordinator by email at aao@awe.gov.au if any details change.

Title: (Mr, Mrs, Miss, etc)	_____	Surname:	_____
First Name:	_____		
Other names: (if applicable – include name at birth, previous married names, aliases)	_____		
Date of birth:	_____		
Residential Address:	_____		
State:	_____	Postcode:	_____
Postal Address: If same as residential address write 'As Above'	_____		
State:	_____	Postcode:	_____
Phone Number:	_____	Mobile Number:	_____
Personal Email Address:	_____		

I verify that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature:	_____	Date:	_____
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2. Residency Status (AAO to complete)

Has your residency status changed since your initial appointment? No – continue to section 3 Yes – continue below

Residency Status (select one) Australian Citizen Permanent Resident Temporary Resident
[Please provide a certified copy of your visa and/or passport]

3. Current employment arrangement

Company Employee **---OR---** Service Provider

Name of Employer: _____

4. AAO identification requirements

Please provide a digital passport photo for your AAO ID Card – refer to photo requirements below.

Photo requirements

Photos must:

- be provided in digital format via email to aao@awe.gov.au with a resolution of 200-300 dpi
- have been taken within the past six (6) months
- be colour, in sharp focus and clear
- have a plain, light-coloured background and be taken with uniform lighting (no shadows across the face)
- show you looking straight at the camera, and your head not tilted
- be taken with a neutral expression (not laughing or frowning) with your mouth closed
- be close up so that the head takes up between 32mm and 36 mm of the photo (see diagram)
- show your eyes clearly through glasses – if you wear them – with no flash reflection off the glasses
- show you without any hat or other head covering (if you wear a head covering for religious reasons, a photograph with you wearing it will be accepted, but your facial features from bottom of chin to top of forehead and both edges of your face must be clearly shown)

5. National Police Check

Please provide a certified copy of your recently attained (i.e. no more than six months old) National Police Check with your application.

NOTE: For temporary residents, certified copies of NPCs must also be provided for each country you have resided in for 12 months or more over the previous 10 years prior to arriving in Australia.

Appointment as an authorised officer is subject to the department’s satisfaction that the applicant is a suitable person to be appointed.

As part of the application process, you are required to undergo a National Police Check (**NPC**). Further information on police checks is available on the Australian Government CRIMTRAC website at: <https://www.crimtrac.gov.au/information-individuals>

The following information is to be provided on the application for an Australian NPC:

Section 1 of the NPC application form - Purpose of NPC. The Code Number is 30.

NOTE: AAO applications will not be processed until the National Police Check Certificate has been received by the department.

A criminal conviction or pending charge will not automatically exclude you from being appointed as an AAO. Assessment will be based on your fitness to perform the function of an AAO and uphold the integrity and reputation of the department.

6. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

You are required to provide details of any conflict of interest (real or perceived) that may exist, or may be likely to arise, if you are reappointed as an Authorised Officer to perform meat safety inspection services at any registered establishment. This must include detail of any positions of management or control that you currently hold, or have been offered or have previously held, in regard to the operations carried out in any registered establishment or with a labour hire provider. If the space below is insufficient, please continue on a separate sheet.

7. Applicant Declaration for Re-Appointment

I, _____ being the applicant, apply for re-appointment as an Australian Government Authorised Officer (AAO) under the Export Control Act, and confirm that:

- The information that I have given and the statements that I have made in, or in connection with, this application are true and correct.
- I understand that if the department holds information regarding my previous employment as a meat inspector and/or AO that adversely contradicts what I have stated or provided as part of my application, my application may be rejected.
- I continue to abide by the Australian Public Service (APS) values and Code of Conduct at all times.
- I continue to abide by the Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) law.
- I continue to possess a Certificate IV in Meat Processing (Meat Safety) OR for Porcine Ante-mortem Inspectors, I continue to possess a Certificate III in Meat Processing (Livestock Handling) OR Certificate III in Meat Processing (General) OR Certificate III in Meat Processing (Meat Safety).
- I understand and accept that appointment as an Australian Government Authorised Officer will not commence until my application is approved.
- I understand and accept that I am fully responsible for the department-issued AAO identification card, and must present this to a government officer or auditor upon request.

Signature:

Date:

8. Employer Declaration for Re-Appointment

The application by _____ for re-appointment as an Australian Government Authorised Officer is supported by their employer _____

NOTE FOR ESTABLISHMENT MANAGEMENT: This section must be completed by a person listed within company management in the Certificate of Registration for any of the Registered Establishments listed in Section 1 of this form.

NOTE FOR INDEPENDENT AAO EMPLOYMENT COMPANY: This section must be completed by a person listed within the independent AAO employment company management.

Address: _____

State: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mobile Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Employer Contact Name: _____

Position of Employer representative: _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Company Stamp _____

I verify that the information provided within this application is true and correct.

9. Protecting your privacy

Personal information is defined in the *Privacy Act 1988* and means information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable.

Sensitive information is a subset of personal information and includes any information or opinion about an individual's racial or ethnic origin, political opinion or association, religious beliefs or affiliations, philosophical beliefs, sexual preferences or practices, trade or professional associations and memberships, union membership, criminal record, health or genetic information and biometric information or templates. By completing this form you consent to the collection of all personal information, including sensitive information, contained in this form.

The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment collects your personal information in this application form for the purpose of assessing your application for appointment and related purposes. If the relevant personal information requested in this application form is not provided by you, the department will be unable to assess your eligibility for re-appointment as an authorised officer under the Export Control Act.

The department may disclose your personal information, including your photograph, to other Australian agencies (including the Australian Federal Police and the Department of Home Affairs) and persons or organisations where necessary for these purposes, provided the disclosure is consistent with the Privacy Act. Your personal information will be used and stored in accordance with the Privacy Principles.

By completing and submitting this form you consent to the use and disclosure of personal information as provided above.

See the department's Privacy Policy web page (<http://www.awe.gov.au/about/privacy>) to learn more about accessing or correcting personal information or making a complaint. Alternatively, telephone the department on 02 6272 3933.

10a. Check your application (for renewals after a five year appointment)

Please check that you have completed all required sections of this form and include certified copies of required documents. Refer to section 10 for information on certifying documents.

- Evidence of permanent residency or citizenship status (if applicable) (Section 2)
- Digital passport photo (to the specifications provided in Section 4)
- Certified copy of National Records Police Check Certificate (Section 5)
- Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest completed (or marked nil if there are none) (Section 6)
- The applicant declaration has been signed and dated (Section 7)
- AAO Employer Declaration completed (Section 8)
- Evidence of completion of Obligations of Third Party Authorised Officers training session

10b. Check your application (for renewals after 12 month appointment on a Cert III)

Please check that you have completed all required sections of this form (noting that sections four and five are not relevant) and include certified copies of all required documents. Refer to section 10 for information on certifying documents.

- Certified copy of Cert IV certificate including a copy of the transcript outlining the units completed.

11. Guidelines for the certification of documentation

A certified document is valid when the certifying officer notes that the document is a certified copy of the original, they print their full name, provide their signature, write the date of certification and note their occupation (and length of service in any categories requiring a minimum service period) on the document.

The document must be signed by a person who meets the criteria to witness a statutory declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*.

- **Example:** I certify that this document is an exact copy of the original document I have sighted.

Signature: *John Smith*

Name in full: John David Smith

Occupation: Bank Officer with 5 or more continuous years' service

Date: 1 October 2015

Send the completed application form and all required documents by email to:

aao@awe.gov.au