

The new Firearms Registry is coming

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New Zealand will have a firearms registry from 24 June 2023. If you're a firearms licence holder, you'll be required to provide information about your arms items from this date.



Te Tari Pūreke – Firearms Safety Authority is responsible for managing firearms in New Zealand.

We want to enable the legitimate use of firearms for feeding our whānau, conservation, farming and recreation while keeping our communities safe.

Registry goes live on 24 June 2023

The Registry is one of the ways we're strengthening how we manage firearms in New Zealand. With responsible firearms licence holders doing the right thing and filling in the Registry, it will help keep track of legally owned firearms and prevent their transfer to those who use them for criminal purposes.

Register your firearms and help make New Zealand safer.

The Registry will help us make New Zealand safer.

It will give licence holders more confidence when buying or selling firearms, as the Registry will let you know if you're dealing with a current licence holder and if the firearm has been reported stolen.

You must tell us about any arms items in your possession within 5 years.

There will be no charge for registering your arms items.

Activating circumstances

You have until 24 June 2028 to register your arms items. However there are some circumstances where you must provide information for the Registry in a shorter time frame. These are referred to in the Arms Amendment Regulations as 'activating circumstances'. You can find information on these timeframes at: firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/registry

Applying for a licence or endorsement	Selling or buying an arms item	Supplying or receiving an arms item other than temporary transfer that is under 30 days	Notifying us of a change in circumstances, such as a change of address	Importing an arms item or ammunition
Exporting an arms item	Manufacturing an arms item	Loss, theft or destruction of an arms item	Modifying a firearm from non-prohibited to prohibited, or prohibited to non-prohibited	If you're subject to any compliance or enforcement action under the Arms Act

When one of these circumstances happen, we'll contact you and let you know what you need to do. However, it's up to you to ensure you keep your information up to date.

What needs to be registered

Non-prohibited firearms (including Specially Dangerous Airguns)

Prohibited firearms

Pistols

Restricted weapons

Details needed to register your arms items

- Type (rifle, shotgun etc)
- Make
- Model
- Action
- Calibre/gauge
- If it has a non-detachable magazine and, if so, its capacity
- Identifying marking (serial number)
- A photograph of the firearm (if requested)

Firearms licences online

Apply for a firearms licence and update your contact details online using MyFirearms: a secure, online portal available at www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz

For more information on Te Tari Pūreke and any legislative or regulation changes that may affect you, go to www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz

Register from 24 June 2023

You can quickly and easily register your arms items on our website at any time. **Just click on MyFirearms.** Otherwise our Registry and Services team will be available by phone to help during business hours.

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Safe storage of firearms and ammunition

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If you're a firearms licence holder, you'll need to know about changes to the storage and transport rules for firearms and ammunition, and changes to the seven rules of firearms safety.

Regulations were updated in February 2022, and to help Kiwis make sense of those changes, Te Tari Pūreke, the new firearms regulator, published a Secure Storage and Transport Guide.

Ammunition

All ammunition must now be stored in a locked container. You can now only store ammunition with firearms in a gun safe that has a separate lockable compartment with a different key than the key for the gun safe. You must keep these keys separate.

If your safe doesn't have a separate lockable compartment, you need to store ammunition in its own secure storage container with a key, combination, or padlock, or in a stout locked cupboard.

Under no circumstances can firearms, ammunition or other arms items be left in a vehicle overnight.

Transportation

If you're driving anywhere with your firearm, it needs to be inoperable during your travel and must be concealed from view. This means removing the bolt or an essential part (or if that's not possible, applying a trigger or cable lock), or transporting the firearm in a locked carry case.

The ammunition needs to be separately and securely stored in a locked glove box or similar storage area, if practical.

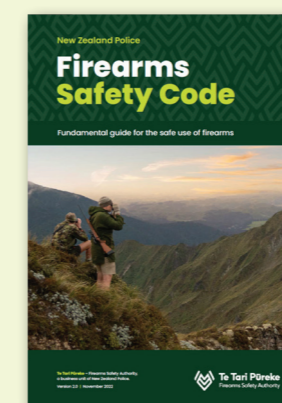
And please, whatever you do, once you've finished using your firearm, unload it and lock it away. Never leave any firearms in your shed, home or vehicle unsecured at any time.

The only exceptions to the firearms and ammunition transport rules are if you're using the firearm on a farm for farm-related activities, or you're doing legally-authorized hunting or pest control (such as a regional council employed pest controller) and the licence holder is in the vehicle or the immediately vicinity of the vehicle with the firearms in it.

Get your copy of the Firearms Safety Code

Get ahead of the changes to firearms safety rules with the Firearms Safety Code.

Buy the book from www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/firearms-safety and have it shipped to your door or download a PDF copy for free.



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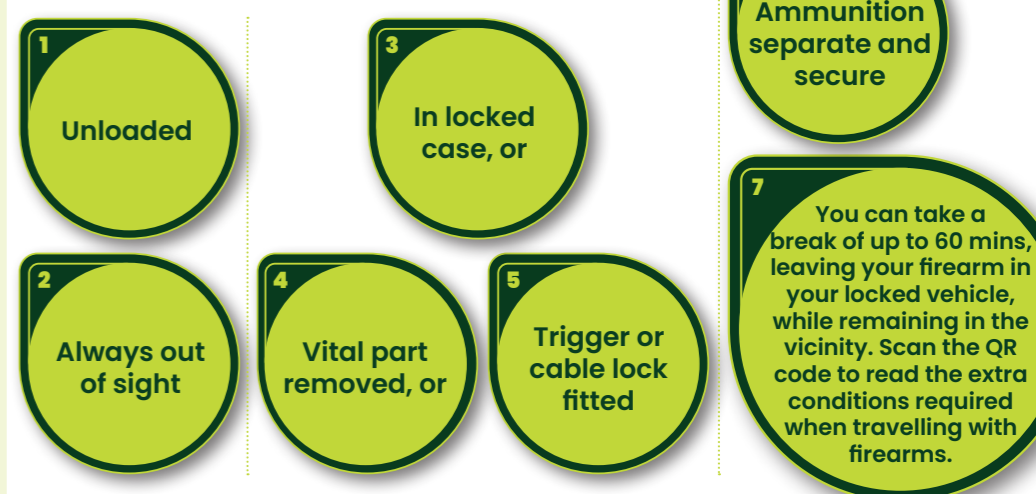
The seven rules of firearm safety have changed.

The 7 rules of firearm safety

- Rule 1 Treat every firearm as loaded
- Rule 2 Always point firearms in a safe direction
- Rule 3 Chamber a cartridge only when ready to fire
- Rule 4 Identify your target beyond all doubt
- Rule 5 Check your firing zone
- Rule 6 Store and transport firearms and ammunition safely
- Rule 7 Avoid alcohol or drugs when handling firearms

When transporting firearms

Firearms must be:



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