

### Firearms fees cost recovery consultation extension recognises impact of cyclone

My thoughts are with people this week who are working through the devastating impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle. This has been an unprecedented weather event and it will be some time before life returns to normal across the motu.

We know that there are people who have been working on a fee cost recovery submission and have been affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. In light of the difficulties for many potential submitters caused by the cyclone, the deadline is extended for submissions to 2 March 2023. You will be able to <a href="make your submission">make your submission</a> here.

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# **News and updates**

### Dealer and ammunition seller secure storage and display guidance

All firearms dealer and ammunition sellers are subject to conditions that require the safe and secure storage and display of firearms and ammunition on their premises.

To assist firearms dealers, ammunition sellers to understand how storage and display is achieved, we have developed a new <u>guidance document</u> which you can find on our website under 'manage and apply', 'dealers'.

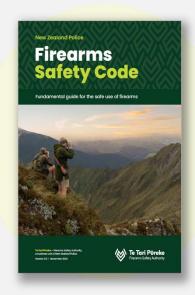
Thank you to the many firearms dealers and ammunition sellers are already fully compliant with the storage and display requirements. For those still to meet the requirements, the date for this to be achieved is by 1 May 2023.

## Hard copies of the Firearms Safety Code now available

Since mid-December, almost 5,000 copies of the 2022 Firearms Safety Code have been downloaded from our website.

The Firearms Safety Code is now available in hard copy. Licence applicants or holders who want to update their understanding of the recent changes to legislation can purchase a copy of the Safety Code and have it shipped to their door.

Buy the book from our website <u>www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/firearms-safety</u> or download a PDF copy free. We hope to have copies made available in libraries and book stores around the country over the next few months.



## **Update on MyFirearms – online forms**

As of last Monday, 20 February, it is 12 weeks since we launched MyFirearms. This has given licence holders the ability to apply and pay online for our seven most common licences and endorsement types, plus complete notification forms for change of address, contact details, or health practitioner.

We wanted to update you on progress with licence applications.

## As of 6 February:

- Approximately 55% of all applications are being submitted via MyFirearms and this is expected to continue to increase.
- PDF applications uploaded via the website portal have reduced significantly: by approximately 30%.

- Hardcopy PDF applications handed into Police stations and emailed to the NST have also reduced: by approximately 10%.
- Hardcopy PDF applications posted to our National Support Team remain steady and minimal at 5%.

We have received 2,459 forms submitted via MyFirearms made up of Firearms Licences; Dealers' Licences; Endorsement Applications and other forms (change of address or health practitioner).







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