

Firearms Pānui



Kia ora tātou,

May has been a big month with a number of events in the firearms community.

The first weekend in May was the opening of game bird season, an estimated 65,000 headed out hunting on opening weekend. A reminder to all hunters to keep safety in your sights while enjoying the season.

On 11 May the [Arms Amendment Regulations](#) were released, this enables the Firearms Registry which will go live on 24 June 2023. Firearms licence holders were emailed and a Firearms Pānui was sent. These provided detail about what arms items are required to be register, when and how to register them. You can also find this information on the Firearms Registry section on our [website](#). In this pānui we have created a new section specifically for Firearms Registry information.

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Set safety in your sights this duck hunting season



Fish & Game estimate that 65,000 people headed out hunting on opening weekend. While the vast majority of hunters followed the rules, unfortunately there were still a small number of reported incidents and accidents.

Above all else we want to encourage hunters to continue to follow the [7 safety rules](#) through the rest of the game bird season.

Duck hunters might travel on to social gatherings after shooting, make sure you follow the new [storage and transportation requirements for firearms and ammunition](#). Whatever else

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

Save the celebratory drinks until after you've finished hunting and ensure all firearms are locked away. We want hunters to enjoy duck season, but we want them to do it safely.

NZ Mountain Safety Council has pulled together a [range of tips](#) on how to have a safe and successful hunt this duck season.

Firearms Community Advisory Forum minutes

The minutes from the March 2023 meeting are now available online.

[Find the minutes here →](#)

Firearms Registry

Firearms community involved in Registry testing

Over the last couple of months Te Tari Pūreke has completed user acceptance testing for the Firearms Registry which will go live on 24 June 2023. Having real users testing the Firearms Registry allows us to fine tune the system ready for use.

Thank you to the firearms community members who took the time to get involved.

My Firearms outages and changes to terms of use



Term of use changes

As of 2 May 2023, there have been changes to the terms of use. We may now consider draft applications abandoned after 30 days. If the applicant does not submit their

application within these 30 days, we reserve the right to remove it from their account.

Notice of outage and deleting unsubmitted applications

To prepare the portal for online registrations, we will be carrying out a major system upgrade of MyFirearms from 16 June to 23 June. MyFirearms will be unavailable during this time, and draft unsubmitted licence applications and forms will be deleted from the system.

We are in contact with those who have licencing expiring over this time period, and those who have draft application in MyFirearms. We are advising them to submit their applications before the 16 June. We are suggesting that licence holders can also call the Firearms Enquiry team on 0800 844 431 for any help they may need.

What you need to know about registering firearms as an endorsement holder



You must register arms items for which you have a permit. If you have an endorsement on your firearms licence, any firearms you have under permit will be recorded in the Police National Intelligence Application (NIA).

However, the details of these items will not be transferred into the Firearms Registry. This is because we need slightly different information about each firearm to meet the requirements of the Regulations.

You must therefore register all items in your possession, including those you have a permit for.

Permits are still required to possess pistols, prohibited firearms, prohibited magazines, and restricted weapons.

More information about registering firearms as an endorsement holder will be available on our website shortly.

How we are keeping information in the Registry secure

We are aware our licence holder community wants reassurance that the Registry will be secure and their information they provide will be kept private. We have some details below on how we will be doing this.

The technology we are using

Te Tari Pūreke is putting in a lot of investment into ensuring people's information is protected every step of the way. We also know it's significantly more complex to keep paper forms and documents private and secure so, you will not be able to register using a paper form.

Security and privacy have been top of mind throughout the build of the Arms Information System (AIS) that supports the Firearms Registry. The AIS has been classified at RESTRICTED. This classification requires strong protections to safeguard the information from unauthorised access.

We have implemented security controls to help protect the confidentiality and integrity of the information held in the Registry. Also, ensuring we can maintain its availability. This includes things like:

- strong data encryption of all information stored in the Registry
- robust authentication, including two-factor verification
- limits on what data can be accessed by staff in different roles, and what can be accessed via MyFirearms
- maintaining records of what actions are taken in the system, both by Police staff and users of My Firearms. Alongside processes to review these records for suspicious or unusual activity.

These are similar controls to what you would see at your bank.

Our people

All callers to our Registry and Services team except those wanting general public information must be verified before any information is exchanged. The only people who will have access to the Registry are staff who need it to do their jobs.

All our staff with access to the AIS undertake privacy and security training. They are also bound by employment conditions and/or contractual agreements related to confidentiality.

This access is audited and subject to the same professional conduct standards that apply to other Police systems. Audits included both planned activity and randomised checks.

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