

# Firearms Pānui



Kia ora,

New Zealand will have a firearms registry from 24 June 2023. From this date, firearms licence holders will be required to provide information about their arms items.

We have recently launched a new page on [the Te Tari Pūreke website](#) which provides you more information on the Registry. I encourage you to take a look at this if you have any questions about what the Registry is and what it means for firearms licence holders.

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## Firearms Registry - register online or over the phone

The Registry is one of the ways we're strengthening how we manage firearms in New Zealand. Firearms licence holders will be required to provide information about their arms items.

From 24 June 2023, there will be two ways to register your arms items.

- Online: The fastest and easiest way is through our website using MyFirearms and available to use 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Over the phone: You'll also be able to provide information by calling our Registry and Services team. We will be open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5.00pm.

You will not be charged a fee to register your arms items.

[Find out more via the Te Tari Pūreke website →](#)



## Licence applications update

Staff across Te Tari Pūreke have been working hard to reduce the number of historical firearms applications we have on hand.

Our 'historical firearms applications' come from a project initiated in 2022. At this time, all applications that were over 120 days old were ring-fenced and given to a dedicated team to work on. Meanwhile, our district-based firearms licensing staff continued processing all other applications.

In July 2022 we had 5,158 historical files. At the end of March 2023, 9 months later, we had completed 4697 files, a 91% reduction.

<b>CURRENT:</b> Historic backlog as at 31 March, 2023	<b>FROM:</b> Historic back log as at 01 July, 2022	<b>Historic File reduction</b>
<b>461</b>	<b>5,158</b>	<b>91% ↓</b>
<b>CURRENT:</b> Total applications on-hand as at 31 March, 2023	<b>FROM:</b> Total applications on-hand as at 01 July, 2022	<b>On-hand application reduction</b>
<b>6349</b>	<b>11,096</b>	<b>43% ↓</b>

## Getting into the heartland

Rural firearms owners in the Waikato were the first to get targeted safety stories in their local newspaper – Te Kowhai News. Just in time for the 'Roar' and game bird seasons.

Te Kowhai News published a significant firearms safety article in late March. Since then, the same article has been published in local and rural papers across the motu – 56 papers in all. This amounts to over 1 million printed papers with a reach (eyes on the papers) of over twice that. The article also

### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE 'THE ROAR' AND GAME BIRD SEASON

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 you make sense of those changes, Te Tari Pūreke, the new firearms regulator, published a Secure Storage and Transport Guide. You can download a copy of the Secure Storage and Transport Guide from [www.firearmsafetyauthority.govt.nz/firearms-safety](http://www.firearmsafetyauthority.govt.nz/firearms-safety)

Storage and transport for firearms and ammunition, key points



includes information about the new  
Firearms Registry going live on 24 June.

## Firearms licence extensions for those hit hardest by cyclones

Some firearms licence holders have been impacted by the recent devastating cyclones. The Government has responded by extending firearms and dealers' licences in areas recently impacted by the cyclones.  
[Find out more →](#)

## Dealer and ammunition seller secure storage and display

A reminder for dealers and ammunition sellers the new storage and display requirements compliance date is 1 May 2023.  
[More information →](#)

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