

Firearms Pānui



Today the [Arms Amendment Regulations](#) were released. These regulations enable the Firearms Registry. It provides specifics for all regulated parties on how the Registry will work, what needs to be registered and when registration needs to happen.

This is a significant milestone for Te Tari Pūreke and Police. The Registry was first signalled in 2019 and these regulations mark the last of the major changes being made to the [Arms Act 1983](#) following the 2019 terrorist attacks on Christchurch mosques.

Currently, there is no record of all firearms in New Zealand. The Registry will change this, with all lawfully held firearms being recorded in a central database. The new Registry will allow us to see how many and what type of firearms there are, and who has possession of them.

With responsible firearms licence holders doing the right thing and filling in the Registry, it will make it easier to identify the small group in the community who might be in possession of firearms for unlawful or criminal purposes.

So, the Registry will help us make New Zealand safer.

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

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The Firearms Registry

Our registry capability is being developed in stages and we'll be concentrating on firearms licence holders first.

Firearms licence holders will not be charged a fee to register arms items.

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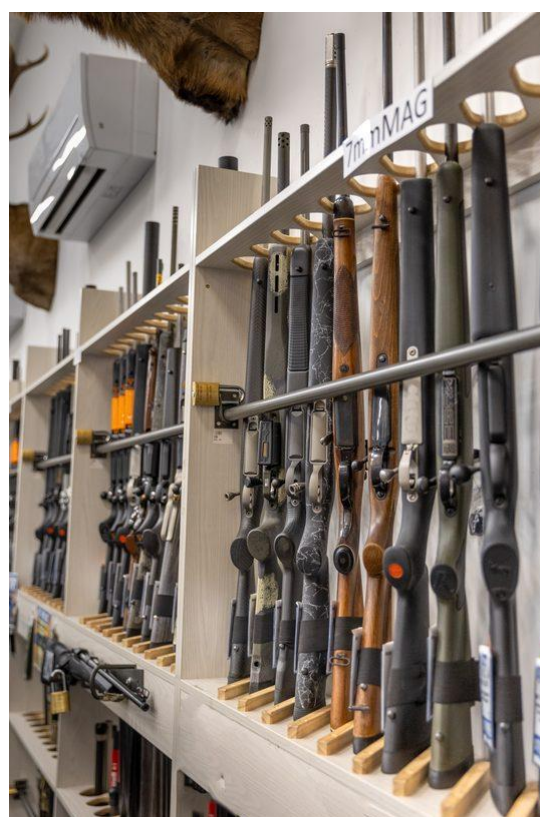
What arms items must be registered?

All firearms licence holders are required to register arms items in their possession. The arms items they must register are:

- non-prohibited firearms (including Specially Dangerous Airguns)
- prohibited firearms and magazines
- pistols
- restricted weapons
- major parts
- pistol carbine conversion kits
- firearms that do not work.

Antique firearms and airguns which are not specially dangerous are excluded.

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What details are required to register firearms?

These are the details that are required to register firearms:

- type (rifle, shotgun, etc.)
- make
- model
- action
- calibre/gauge
- if it has a non-detachable magazine and, if so, its capacity
- identifying marking (for example, serial number).

More information is available on our website about major firearms parts, prohibited magazines and pistol carbine conversion kits. [Find out more →](#)



When must licence holders register their arms items?

Firearms licence holders can provide information for the Registry from 24 June 2023 to register arms items in their possession. They can register their arms items any time within these 5 years. In some circumstances, they must provide information for the Registry in a shorter time frame than 5 years. These are called [activating circumstances](#).

Activating circumstances

Licence holders must provide information for the Registry the first time any activating circumstance applies. If none apply to licence holders before 24 June 2028, they must provide the information by 31 August 2028.

Example circumstances:

- Applying for a licence or endorsement
- Notifying us of a change of circumstance, such as a change of address
- Importing, exporting or manufacturing an arms item
- Selling, hiring, purchasing or receiving an arms item
- Theft, loss or destruction of an arms item
- A licence holder is subject to any compliance or enforcement action under the Arms Act.

Go to www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/firearms-registry/when-register-your-arms-items for more information on all activating circumstances.

How can licence holders register their arms items?

Licence holders can quickly and easily register their arms items on our website at any time from 24 June. Just go to www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz and click on MyFirearms. Otherwise, our Registry and Services team will be available by phone to help during business hours (Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm).



What will dealers now have to do – recording dealer transactions?

From 24 June 2023, dealers will be required to record transactions received or supplied to/from an individual firearms licence holder at the time of sale using the online Dealer Transaction form on our website. More details on this can be found on our [website](#).

The requirement for firearms dealers to register their stock holdings will be phased in on a case-by-case basis over the next 2 years. We'll work with you to register your stock of arms before 24 June 2025.

What does this mean for clubs and ranges?

A shooting club or shooting range will need to nominate one or more individual licence holders who will be responsible for registering club arms items under their individual account in the Registry.

This could be split between more than one individual. If one individual resigns from the club, the arms items will need to be transferred to another nominated member of the club with a firearms licence and any required endorsements.

For more information about the Registry, activating circumstances, and firearms licence holders responsibilities go to www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/registry



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