

Firearms Pānui



Kia ora tātou,

Today we reached a huge milestone – we launched the new Firearms Registry. We've reached this milestone through the hard mahi of passionate advocates for firearms safety – Police, the firearms community, those affected by firearms use and the New Zealand public.

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 help prevent them from falling in the hands of criminals and gangs.

The Registry will help make New Zealand safer. The Registry will, over time, create the first comprehensive 'digital picture' of all lawfully held firearms and arms items in New Zealand linked to each individual firearms licence holder.

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

We've developed an [informational flyer](#) to be distributed to licence holders by our people, dealers and our partners. If you'd like a supply of these flyers for distribution, please email Firearms.Safety.Communications@police.govt.nz

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What you need to know about the Registry

The Registry's capability is being developed in stages. This means:

- individual licence holders will need to register items starting from 24 June 2023
 - full requirements for dealers to register all their stock and provide transfer information will come later
 - ammunition sellers will need to continue to record ammunition sales to licence holders in their record books.
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Your obligations as a firearms licence holder



As a firearms licence holder, you can provide information for the Firearms Registry from today, 24 June 2023. You're required to provide information about any firearms, restricted weapons, major firearm parts, prohibited magazines or pistol carbine conversion kits in your possession.

[Check out this video](#) that demonstrates how quick and easy it is for you to register firearms on the Te Tari Pūreke website. Register at any time by going to our website and clicking 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).

In some circumstances, you're required to provide information for the Registry within a specific time frame. These are called activating circumstances. Find out more about activating circumstances [here](#).

If you share a firearm

All arms items must be registered only once, by a single licence holder. If you share a firearm with someone in your home, only one of you needs to register the item.

You can find more information [here](#) under If you share a firearm with other people.

If you have an endorsement

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). The details of these items will not be transferred into the Firearms Registry, however. 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.

When a firearm changes hands (transfers)

You're required to transfer possession of a firearms or arms item in the Registry if you buy, sell, supply or receive that firearm.

Both the supplier and receiver of the firearm are required to call us so we can record the transfer in the Registry. Transfers can only be completed by calling us. In the future licence holders will be able to do this via MyFirearms.

If you're buying or selling a firearm/arm item through a dealer, you're not required to complete a transfer in the Registry.

Call us on 0800 844 431 between 8:30am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday to transfer a firearm.

If your firearm does not have a serial number



Most firearms and major firearms parts in New Zealand will already have a factory manufacturer's identification marking, such as a serial number. A small number of firearms and parts will have no marking or have one that is in a foreign language.

If you have an arms item that needs an identification marking, you can find guidance [here](#).

Your obligations as a Dealer



Some of what dealers have been recording in the dealer record book must now be recorded online in the Dealer Transactions form so Police have a record of transactions between dealers and individual licence holders. The online form validates the licence details, replacing the need to use the Firearms Licence Checker. Check out our step-by-step [Dealer Transactions form video](#) to see how it works.

The timing of when dealer licence holders are required to register arms items reflects that the Registry capability is being developed in stages.

You can find more information on what the Registry means to dealers [here](#).

Your obligations as an organisation or business entity that owns firearms

Entities including organisations - such as Fish & Game and regional, district and city councils - as well as businesses - like pest controllers, farmers, growers and meat processors – have obligations as owners of firearms.

Each arms item must be registered by a licence holder responsible for the possession of the item, regardless of who the owner is. Licence holders responsible for the possession of arms items owned by an organisation or business need to record the items against their individual firearms licence in the Registry.

You can find more information [here](#).

Clubs and ranges

If you're responsible for an arms item on behalf of a shooting club or shooting range, you're also responsible for registering that item against your firearms licence number.

You can find more information [here](#) under If you share a firearm with other people.

Privacy and security



We have implemented a range of security controls to help protect the confidentiality and integrity of the information held in the Registry and ensure we can maintain its availability.

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

Any personal information you provide for the Registry will be held and managed in accordance with the Privacy Act. You can find out more about how Te Tari Pūreke is managing and protecting your personal information [here](#).

Visitor licences

Visitors will continue to follow the current process for applying for visitors' licences and permits. They will now be required to register firearms they are bringing into New Zealand, which the Permits team will do on their behalf as part of the licensing process.

Our website

Now that the Registry is live, our website has been updated to include all the information you need to know as a firearms licence holder. Find out about your obligations as a firearms licence holder by visiting firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/registry.

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