

Firearms Pānui



I am pleased to announce the launch of Te Tari Pūreke - Firearms Safety Authority

Today New Zealand's first firearms regulatory authority, *Te Tari Pūreke – Firearms Safety Authority*, was launched by Hon Minister Hipkins. We are a business unit of New Zealand Police.

Te Tari Pūreke is responsible for overseeing the lawful possession of firearms in New Zealand and ensuring that this is limited to those who are fit and proper to possess firearms, and who comply with their legal obligations.

This means we need to maintain the balance of keeping our communities safe from firearms related harm while still enabling the safe and legitimate use of firearms in our communities. We are committed to this responsibility and achieving our vision that *the possession and use of firearms in Aotearoa is the safest in the world.*



The launch

Our Executive Director Angela Brazier was joined by Police Minister Hon Chris Hipkins (left), Police Commissioner Andrew Coster (right) and a number of community members to celebrate the launch.

I look forward to continuing working with our community in my role as Director Partnerships at Te Tari Pūreke.

Mike McIlraith

Director Partnerships – Te Tari Pūreke | Firearms Safety Authority

News and updates

Our new website

Although Te Tari Pūreke is a unit of Police we have our own separate [website](#). On our website you can find out all about Te Tari Pūreke, our role as a Regulator, supporting information, news and updates to legislation and regulations.

All visitors to the current Firearms and Safety pages on Police's website will be redirected to the new site.

We are aware a number of organisations link to the current Firearms and Safety pages on Police's website. We have been getting in touch with these organisations to notify them they may need to make changes to link to the new regulator website. If you think this impacts you and you haven't received an email from us you can email firearmspartnerships@police.govt.nz for more information.

[Click here to go to www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz](http://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz)

MyFirearms online forms

Today, MyFirearms the secure portal for managing firearms information was released on our new website.

Applicants can now 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 using MyFirearms.

In MyFirearms applicants can:

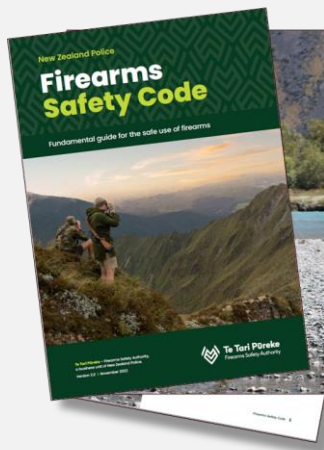
- save forms to complete later
- pay for their applications with a Visa or Mastercard
- download copies of their submitted application forms
- download copies of their receipts
- Subsequent new applications such as an endorsement application will pre-populate the personal details section.

We have created some online guidance for applicants which can be found on our [website](#). This includes videos and infographics that steps applicants through the MyFirearms and RealMe login

process.

We also have a Firearms Enquiry Team available to support applicants with MyFirearms online form enquiries. Their contact number is 0800 844 431. The team is responding to enquiries from 8am - 4.30pm, Monday - Friday. If ringing outside this time, callers are advised to ring back during normal business hours.

The Firearms Safety Code has been updated



The [2022 Firearms Safety Code](#) is now available.

To understand the differences between the old code and the new code we recommend that all our firearms partner organisations and training groups read the new code, paying particular attention to the detail underlying rule 3 and rule 6.

- Chamber a cartridge only when ready to fire (rule 3).
- Store and transport firearms and ammunition safely (rule 6).

A better learning experience

We understand that people learn in different ways. So, we've created the new Firearms Safety Code using more diagrams, pictures, bite-sized chunks of information and stories.

If we haven't already been in touch about these changes and how they affect you, we will be soon.

If you'd like to know more now, please contact Amanda.Jongeneel@police.govt.nz

Law change to enable firearm licence holders applying for a new licence to continue to lawfully possess arms

New legislation came into effect on 29 November and is good news for existing firearms licence holders.

Licence holders can continue to lawfully use and possess firearms while they wait for their application for a new licence to be processed, provided they applied for a new licence before their previous licence expired.

More information can be found here on the [website](#).

Community engagements

Gifting of our name

Our te reo Māori name – Te Tari Pūreke – reflects our practical purpose and function, to protect firearms users and all communities. It was gifted to New Zealand Police by Waikato-Tainui as we were being established.

Learn how to pronounce [Te Tari Pūreke here](#).

Collateral you can use



We're running a multi-channel campaign to generate awareness and educate our firearms community about the Te Tari Pūreke, our purpose and role in the community. We would appreciate your help amplifying our messaging. We have a number of assets to support you.

- [view our digital brochure here](#)
- [press release from Angela Brazier](#), Executive Director, Firearms
- [key messages](#) about Te Tari Pūreke, our purpose and role

If you would like a copy of our logo or other collateral that can be used for social media posts and/or to add to your website please email firearmspartnerships@police.govt.nz

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