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Firearms Pānui



Kia ora tātou,

In this Firearms Pānui you can catch up on:

- the latest Firearms Registry numbers,
- your Registry requirements if you share firearms with other people,
- the National Wild Goat Hunting Competition,
- update on Arms Regulations - review of fees, and
- the minutes from the Firearms Community Advisory Forum meeting.

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Firearms Registry

The Firearms Registry is one of the ways we're strengthening how we manage firearms, and other arms items in New Zealand.

We've had more than 34,000 firearms and firearms parts registered by over 7,200 firearms licence holders.

It is fantastic to see so many licence holders take the time to register their arms items.

If you share a firearm with other people

Arms items must be registered only once, by a single licence holder

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

More information about registering firearms owned by an organisation or business and arms items stored in centralised secure storage can be found [here →](#)

**Wherever you
are hunting,
make sure you
have permission**

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National Wild Goat Hunting Competition

If you're taking part in the [National Wild Goat Hunting Competition](#) this year remember, anywhere you hunt in New Zealand you need to have permission.

Whether you are hunting farmland, forestry or Department of Conservation estate - all of these places require permission to access with a firearm.

Wild goats are often seen in places where you are not allowed to hunt like on road edges, train tracks, river, and road reserves. You can find a hunting block that has wild goats [here](#) on the Department of Conservation website.

Arms Regulations – review of fees

A summary of submissions was completed and provided to Ministers in May 2023 to inform their decision making.

Police has now been advised by the Minister of Police that the Government's decision is unlikely to occur before 2024. This means there will be no changes to the licence fees for the time being.

Police consulted firearms users and the public on the fee proposals from December 2022 to March 2023. For a firearms licence fee, only partial cost recovery options were presented. They were 25%, 50% and 75% of the recoverable costs.

As Cabinet noted prior to consultation, when a decision is made on fees it will need to consider the benefits of greater user contribution against the risks of non-compliance, and the public interest in maintaining a well-functioning arms regulatory system.

The final decision will be informed by feedback from submitters and will be in line with the requirements in the Arms Act 1983 and the Treasury guidelines for settings fees and charges in the public sector.

[More information here →](#)

Firearms Community Advisory Forum minutes

The minutes from the June 2023 Firearms Community Advisory Forum meeting are now available online. [Find the minutes here →](#)



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