



Te Tari Pūreke
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Photographing firearms for firearms registry purposes



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Where to find identifying markings on a break open shotgun.

Photographing firearms for firearms registry purposes



Photographing firearms, as part of the firearms registration process, is not a requirement for all arms items. Photographs of arms items may be required by Te Tari Pūreke for the purpose of positive identification. A photograph may also be required to determine the make, model or serial number, or any other aspect of the arms item.

Arms items

An arms item¹ is defined as:

- firearms (including prohibited firearms)
- magazines (including prohibited magazines)
- parts (including prohibited parts)
- airguns
- pistols
- restricted weapons
- pistol carbine conversion kits

Image requirements

- Images must be in focus, in colour, and orientated so the image shows the arms item in a horizontal manner.
- Image file size must be a minimum 500kb resolution and a maximum of 5mb.
- Images must be in .JPG or PDF format.
- Images must show the full length of the firearm (Image 1) and a detailed section with the make, model, and serial number (Image 2 and/or 3).
- All major factory components of the firearm must be in place when photographed, such as the bolt and magazine.

Firearm Requirements

- The firearm must be unloaded.
- The action must be in a closed state.
- Easily removable components such as suppressors, butt-stock ammunition holders, or bi-pods should be removed when taking the image.
- If fitted, the sling should not obstruct the view of the firearm.

¹ Arms Act 1983 Section 2 (1), arms item

Image 1 – Full length image of the firearm



Image 2 – Detailed image of the serial number



Image 3 – Detailed image of make and model

