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Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 30 April 2024 where you asked for a further breakdown of data provided to you in a previous OIA response, reference IR-01-24-8056:

I note in table 1 there is a 10+ year license duration. Could you please make sure that the data in my supplementary request filed earlier today is documented in specific 'terms' of a license, rather than how many consecutive 'terms' of license they have held. Ie if a person who has held a license for 20 years (two 10 year license durations), and renews their license (a third license), then gets it revoked 2 years later, the age of that license is 2 years as opposed to 22 years. So could you please disperse the 10+ year dataset into the various age groups of the current license held at time of revocation in relation to my earlier request? If a single license is held for more than 10 years due to various amendments that allow for a 'overtime' such as a pending renewal of license, please include them as well.

Police does not record data to the level of specificity outlined in your request. To provide the information would require a manual search and analysis of each individual firearms licence in order to determine the age of each licence, allowing for any revocations, pending "renewals", and various changes or proposed changes. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the OIA as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research.

However, please refer to the below table which provides the number of years a firearms licence has been held, broken down by individual firearms licences revoked and dealers' firearms licences revoked from 2010 to 2023.

Years held	Individual Firearms Licences Revoked	Dealer Firearms Licences Revoked
0-1 Years	248	1
1-2 Years	466	0
2-3 Years	566	0
3-4 Years	597	3

Years held	Individual Firearms Licences Revoked	Dealer Firearms Licences Revoked
4-5 Years	563	2
5-6 Years	516	2
6-7 Years	498	2
7-8 Years	429	0
8-9 Years	395	0
9-10 Years	382	1
10-11 years	268	1
11-12 Years	225	1
12-13 Years	284	3
13-14 Years	376	1
14-15 Years	373	0
15-16 Years	362	0
16-17 Years	369	0
17-18 Years	303	0
18-19 Years	296	2
19-20 Years	244	0
20-21 Years	142	1
21-22 Years	133	0
22-23 Years	151	0
23-24 Years	188	0
24-25 Years	211	0
25-26 Years	249	0
26-27 Years	184	0
27-28 Years	121	0

Years held	Individual Firearms Licences Revoked	Dealer Firearms Licences Revoked
28-29 Years	66	0
29-30 Years	16	0
30-31 Years	7	0
31-32 Years	1	0
32-33 Years	3	0
33-34 Years	1	0
34-35 Years	0	0
35-36 Years	2	0
36-37 Years	1	0
37-38 Years	0	0
38-39 Years	2	0
Total	9,238	20
Total distinct count of Licence holders	9,060	20

The "Total distinct count of Licence holders" shows the count of unique licences regardless of how many revocations an individual has had. The "Total" row includes licences that may have been revoked multiple times (e.g. a licence revoked in the 0–1 year category, then reinstated, and then revoked again in the 2–3 year category, will show as 1 in "Total distinct count" and 2 in 'Sum').

The number of years a licence holder held a licence prior to revocation is based on the difference between the date a licence was first issued, and the date a licence was revoked. Due to how this data is recorded, identifying whether a licence holder was unlicensed during those dates (i.e., suspension periods, other revocation occurrences, if there were several years between renewals, etc) or had been granted any licence expiry date extensions, would require a manual search and analysis of each individual entry. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review this decision if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

For your information, Police has developed a process for proactive release of information, so the anonymised response to your request may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

Nāku noa, nā



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