

Dealer Pānui

The latest information for firearms dealers

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Thanks to all who engaged with our first Dealer Pānui, which was well received with an 86% open rate.

As a dealer you are a valuable source of knowledge and information in the firearms community; so please feel free to share the Dealer Pānui with your colleagues, employees, and other dealers.

While the content is dealer specific, you are welcome to share the Dealer Pānui with your customers if you think it will be of value to them. You can find all editions [here](#) on our website.

In this pānui you can find:

- **Bulletin** - updates and information for licensed dealers
- **Quick fire** - common topics we are hearing from our licensed dealers community

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Bulletin

Dedicated dealer licensing team

We now have a dedicated Dealer Licensing team. The dealer licensing team are working to establish the most efficient service for dealers going through their renewal process.

To provide a more efficient service, the team are looking to triage applications by urgency and complexity, and

- One or both unrelated referee interviews being removed
- The option of a virtual video interview for both next of kin and applicant (this option can help reduce the waiting time for interviews).

What this means for you, is a smoother renewal process and a dedicated team to contact if you have questions.

To get the most out of these changes select referees who are able to make themselves available either for virtual or in-person interviews. Employees are not suitable referees due to the potential conflict of interest.

If you have any questions regarding your application, please email firearmscompliance@police.govt.nz

What happens when the dealer's licence holder leaves?

Maintaining a succession plan for your business or organisation it is important to ensure continuity and compliance with legal requirements. If a dealer's licence holder leaves their position, the dealer must notify Te Tari Pūreke, and the organisation must select a new individual to apply for a dealer's licence, along with relevant endorsements, and permits to possess the firearms collection.

The dealer must also provide:

- the address of the business/museum
- the date from which the new manager will take over and manage the activities
- and the name of the new manager.

A transfer of firearms possession from the previous dealer to the new dealer is also required.

However, if a dealer's licence, and necessary endorsements and permits are already in place with another employee, the departing dealer only needs to arrange for a transfer of possession of the firearms to the new licence holder. This move acknowledges that while the manager has changed, the staff, their roles, and the firearms they manage, have not.

The dealer must surrender their licence to Te Tari Pūreke when they stop operating as a licensed dealer.

Important! When the dealer's licence is no longer valid, any employees of the dealer are also prohibited from carrying on or assisting with dealer activities on behalf of the dealer. The entire operation relating to firearms must cease until a valid dealer's licence is obtained again.

Find out more about dealer requirements on our website:

[Firearms dealer requirements | Firearms Safety Authority New Zealand](#)

Dealer Transactions form faster and easier to use

The Dealer Transactions form has now been improved to make it faster and easier to use.

Here's some of the key improvements:

- We've added functionality to remember your dealer details, so you don't have to enter them every time.
- Your dealer licence details will now be saved for up to two hours after you submit a transaction, allowing you to submit multiple transactions back-to-back without re-entering your licence information.
- We have improved the suggestions for arms items makes and models, only showing suggestions that match the item type such as rifle or shotgun. This will make it faster and easier to enter the arms item details.
- The form has been redesigned to make it easier to use on a range of devices, including desktops, laptops, tablets and mobile phones.

These enhancements have been designed to improve the overall user experience for you as a licensed dealer, without requiring any additional training for you or your staff. Watch the video to see some of the new functionality on our website - [How to use the Dealer Transactions form](#).

If you have questions, give us a call. Our New Zealand-based team is here to help. Phone 0800 844 431, between 8:30am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Definition of an antique

We are aware that some dealers are using the term antique to define arms items that are not antiques. To be a genuine antique these requirements must be met.

- It is possessed as an antique, but it is not a copy or a replica.
- It is not designed for or capable of firing rimfire or centrefire ammunition.
- It must be made before 1899

If it is made after 1899 and can take rimfire or centrefire ammunition it isn't an antique. A replica of an original is also not an antique.



Quick fire

This section is to share information on some of the common topics we are hearing from our licensed dealer community. If you have anything you'd like covered in future editions you can send these to

firearmspartnerships@police.govt.nz

Possession vs ownership

The Arms Act 1983, and the Arms Regulations 1992 deal with possession of firearms rather than ownership.

If you are in possession of an arms item, then you have an obligation to record the details. If you take possession of an arms item from an individual licence holder, you must record this in the dealer portal.

If you take possession from another dealer, you must record this in your dealer record book.

There is one exception to this requirement - if you are a gunsmith, you are not required to record arms items brought in for repair or modification in the Dealer Transactions form. You'll continue to record these transactions in your usual dealer records book. You are still required to use the [Firearms Licence Checker](#) tool for transactions entered into your dealer records book.

Find out more about what the registry means for dealers on our website:

<https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/firearms-registry/what-firearms-registry-means-dealers>

Requirement to update the dealer portal immediately

As a dealer you must record items in the dealer portal when the sale or supply occurs, or immediately after the sale or supply.

Feedback from dealers is that having the customer in front of you while you enter their details into the dealer portal helps reduce errors with addresses, incorrect spelling of names and numeric errors. Dealers also commented that knowing that the licence is invalid when the licence holder is still in front of you, greatly reduces any ongoing issues.

Statistics show that 16% of entries into the dealer portal fail because of input errors like wrong version number, wrong address, and mis-spelled names.

Assisted Registration

If a licence holder has a large number of arms items, they can get assistance from Te Tari Pūreke, to register them. If the licence holder has 30 or more arms items, they can call 0800 844 431 and our registry and services team can assist them to register.

Notification of Import

If you import arms items or ammunition, you must notify Te Tari Pūreke within 30 days from the time of import. The easiest way to do this is to use the form that is sent with your approved import permit.

Keep an eye out for our new advertising campaign

Our new advertising campaign is designed to remind households with firearms, that when they aren't being used firearms are safest in a safe.

We launched the campaign to remind households with firearms that they must secure their firearms and ammunition when they are not being used.

We want to make it harder for burglars and thieves to get hold of firearms, but also keep them safe from curious young hands or anyone else that shouldn't have access to them.

The reality for most recreational firearms users, even really keen shooters or hunters, is that a lot of the time their firearms are not in use. Others like farmers might use their firearms weekly or daily, but all are required to lock them away each night.

To find out more see our: [Secure Storage and Transportation Guide for Firearms and Ammunition](#)



Firearms locked away

- » Firearms unloaded
- » Locked in a safe, gun rack or other approved storage
- » Secured away from people who shouldn't have access to them

Secure ammunition

- » Stored separately to firearms
- » Locked in approved storage

Keys separate and secure

- » Firearms and ammunition security keys stored separately
- » Keys hidden or secured

Keep your firearms in safe hands

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