

# Firearms Pānui

The latest firearms information

Te Tari Pūreke Partnerships - Firearms Pānui | June 2025

Kia ora,

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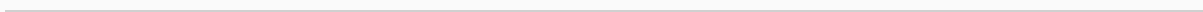
## Officially taking bookings for firearms safety courses

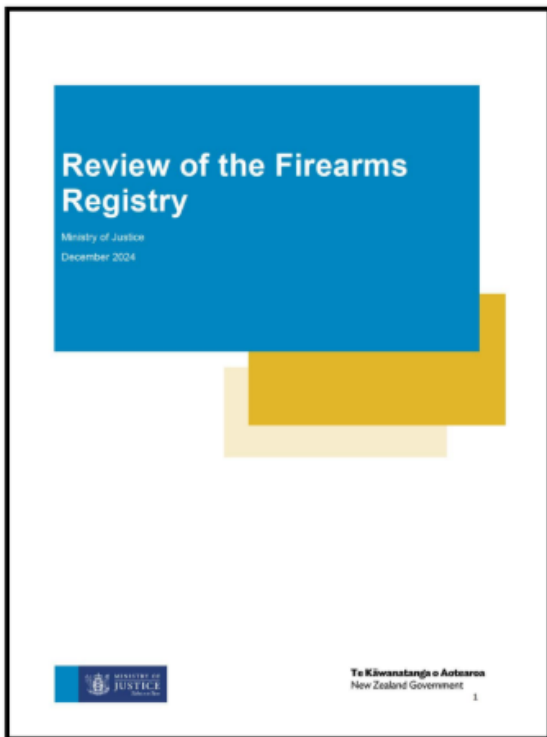
On Friday 23 May, we launched a new process for licence applicants to book firearms safety training with us. Applicants simply view a list of upcoming available courses on our website, then email us their preferences. We will book them in and confirm their placement.

The existing Mountain Safety Council booking system will continue to run, offering safety courses up to the end of June.

From July, firearms safety courses will be delivered by us. Courses will be smaller, providing students with greater instructor support. They will also be more comprehensive, with extra time spent on practical handling, as we invest in and expand community firearms education.

We look forward to sharing more information with you as we work towards the possession and use of firearms in NZ being the safest in the world.





## Ministry of Justice review Firearms Registry

The recently conducted independent review of the Firearms Registry conducted by the Ministry of Justice concluded:

*“...the Registry meets government certifications for restricted information. The information contained within the Registry is separated in a way that ensures that licence holder and firearm records are not stored together. There are very strict protocols on who can access the information.”*

Security and privacy are core to the design of the Firearms Registry and continues to be our highest priority. The Registry meets or exceeds all government communication security standards. It has been through multiple independent security assessments by the same people who provide advice to banks, telecommunication providers and insurance companies.

[See the Review in full on the Ministry of Justice website.](#)

Today, more than 80,000 licence holders are registered, and they have recorded more than 400,000 firearms.

There have been no privacy breaches from the Firearms Registry since it began continuously operating in June 2023.



## Using firearms licence checker when travelling on airlines

If your licence is under renewal and your card has expired, you can use firearms licence checker to confirm your licence is valid. The licence holder will still need to have their physical licence card with them.

It is the responsibility of the NZ firearms holder to use the firearms licence checker during the check in process. You can enter their details into the Firearms Licence Checker “Step 2: Seller details”. The Customer Service Agent for the airline will confirm the licence holders name and number are the same on both the physical licence and the Firearms Licence Checker. They will then need to sign the statement “Seller has been validated”.

Travelling with firearms and ammunition is at the airline’s discretion. Each airline has specific rules for the carriage of firearms and ammunition and has the final say on whether firearms are permitted on board. Passengers must check each country they are travelling to/from, to ensure they can travel on an ‘expired’ licence card.

Please note that if your firearms licence renewal has been approved and your new firearms licence card has been ordered, you will have a new version number so, the licence checker will not work. You will need to wait until your new firearms licence card has arrived.



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## Permit to Import updates

We've recently made improvements to information and forms for streamline the permit to import process.

The PDF application forms for importing have been updated to clearly outline the required information upfront.

The [permits to import webpages](#) have been updated so it's easier to find and understand what importers need to do when applying for a Permit to Import, and [after receiving imported items](#).

Thank you to the importers who tested the forms and provided feedback.

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## June 2025 obligations - Ammunition sales

The Government has made decisions around the current Regulations that come into effect in June 2025.

### Here's a run-down of what Cabinet agreed around the current Regulations –

- Cabinet has agreed to amend the Arms Regulations 1992 to defer the dealer stock obligations for providing information to the Firearms Registry by two years from 24 June 2025 to June 2027.
- Ammunition sellers and licensed dealers must record sales of ammunition to a licence holder in the Firearms Registry via the Dealer Transactions form on and from 24 June 2025  
Arms Regulations 1992 Section 42(3) [Arms Regulations 1992 \(SR 1992/346\) \(as at 28 June 2024\) – New Zealand Legislation](#).
- After 24 June 2025, purchasing ammunition from a firearms dealer or ammunition seller becomes an activating circumstance. Licence holders who already held a licence on 24 June 2023 (when Firearms Registry regulations took effect), and who have not yet registered their firearms into the Firearms Registry, will need to register all the firearms and arms items in their possession within 30 days of purchasing ammunition. Licence holders who got a firearms licence (first time licence holders and 'renewals') on or after 24 June 2023 are already required to provide information for the Registry, and keep that information accurate and current. [Arms Regulations 1992 Section 41 \(1\)\(e\) Arms Regulations 1992 \(SR 1992/346\) \(as at 28 June 2024\) – New Zealand Legislation](#).

### Helping our firearms community get ready –

We have emailed licence holders, ammunition sellers and dealers to let them know more detail around their obligations.

This email includes helpful information for dealers and ammunition sellers, including some frequently asked Questions and Answers, plus links to new demo videos for dealers and ammunition sellers to help them use the Dealer Transactions form.

If you are an ammunition seller, dealer or licence holder then expect an email from us to let you know how to fulfill your obligations.

Our New Zealand-based team is available to help you from 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday on the freephone number 0800 844 431.

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## Firearms safety

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### Firearms safety e-learning available on our website

We have e-learning modules available on our website which we recommend you go through before you attend the Firearms Safety Course. These will help with the written part of the course.

These modules are also great for anyone who wants to refresh their knowledge.

Find the first e-learning module here: [7 rules of firearms safety](#)

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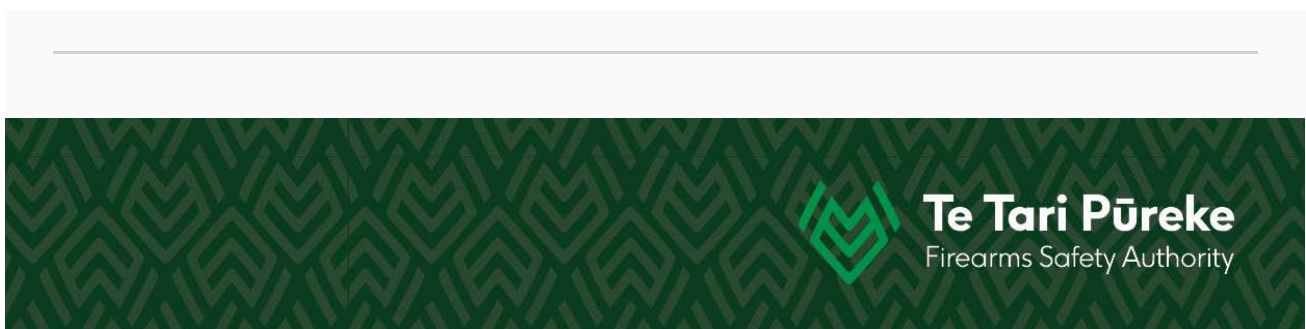
# Keep up to date on the latest numbers

On our website we proactively release firearms regulatory information to help people better understand features of the licence holder community, and aspects of the performance of New Zealand's firearms regulatory framework. We have provided a snapshot of this data below.

This section contains:

- Active firearms licences summary by type - Individual, Visitor and Dealer
- Firearms licensing completion summary - Individual, Visitor and Dealer. *This section now has the total number of licences completed in the given month, rather than a percentage, and broken down into different licence types.*
- Firearms Registry update - including total firearms, parts and licence holders registered

Find more information here: [Firearms data and public information | Firearms Safety Authority](#)



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