

We're here to help | Ammunition Sales

As an Ammunition Seller, you are required to record ammunition sales in the Registry on and from 24 June 2025.

The Dealer Transactions form is a quick and easy way for you to record your ammunition sales so that you can meet your legal obligations.

This requirement is referred to in the Arms Regulations 1992 Section 42(3).

[Arms Regulations 1992 \(SR 1992/346\) \(as at 28 June 2024\) – New Zealand Legislation](#)

Thank you for taking the time to help keep New Zealand safe.

What you'll need to do

- Complete a Dealer Transactions form when you sell ammunition or immediately afterwards on and from 24 June 2025. The form will require you to provide information about the purchaser and ammunition calibre or gauge and number of rounds. This will be the total number of rounds of ammunition sold, not the number of boxes.
- Let your customers know that 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](#).

Getting ready

- Make sure you have access to the online Dealer Transactions form in your workplace, so you and your employees (under your immediate supervision) can record the sale of ammunition at the point of sale, or immediately afterwards.
- You can access the Dealer Transactions form from our website or directly here – [Dealer Transactions | Webforms](#). You don't have to be registered on the Firearms Registry to use it but as an ammunition seller, you do need to have a valid licence. For more info – [Using the Dealer Transactions form | Firearms Safety Authority New Zealand](#)
- [Watch the Dealer Transactions form video for ammunition sellers](#) and share it with your employees. This video explains how the form works, and how to ensure you fulfil your legal obligation.
- [Read our new web content](#) for ammunition sellers. It has a lot of information that will support you through this upcoming change.
- Check our FAQs on the back of this information sheet.
- If you are no longer an ammunition seller, then let us know.



Need help?

Phone 0800 844 431 between 8.30am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. Select option 5 when you call to talk to our support team. Please quote your Dealer Transaction Reference (DTR) number if you have one. We are committed to working with you to support the safe and responsible use of firearms in New Zealand

FAQs

Why do I need to record ammunition sales from 24 June 2025?

On and from 24 June 2025, the current Arms Regulations 1992 state that ammunition sellers and licensed dealers must record sales of ammunition to a licence holder in the Firearms Registry. This will be a record of sale, not a registration of ammunition.

Arms Regulations 1992 Section 42(3) [Arms Regulations 1992 \(SR 1992/346\) \(as at 28 June 2024\) – New Zealand Legislation](#)

How do I fill in the Dealer Transactions form?

You can access the Dealer Transactions form from our website or directly here – [Dealer Transactions | Webforms](#). You don't have to be registered on the Firearms Registry to use it but as an ammunition seller you do need to have a valid firearms licence.

Make sure you [watch the video](#) which provides a detailed overview of how to fill in the form here.

What types of ammunition do I record in the Dealer Transactions form?

You need to record your sales of ammunition. You don't need to record airgun projectiles or component ammunition parts in the Dealer Transactions form. A list of prohibited ammunition is here.

[Arms \(Prohibited Ammunition\) Order 2019 \(LI 2019/137\) \(as at 20 December 2019\) Schedule Ammunition declared prohibited ammunition – New Zealand Legislation](#)

The type of ammunition you record on and from 24 June 2025 is no different from your current record-keeping obligations. The [Regulations](#) state you need to record the type and quantity of ammunition sold, the date on which the seller hands over or dispatches the ammunition, and the name and firearms licence number of the purchaser or the person supervising the purchaser. The Dealer Transactions form, which will be updated on 24 June 2025 to include those information fields, will be an easy and fast way for you to fulfil your obligations and provide that information. You simply need to submit the completed Dealer Transactions form to fulfil your legal obligations.

Can an unlicensed employee assist with the sale of ammunition?

Yes. The legislation states that an employee of an ammunition seller is not required to hold a firearms licence to possess, sell or supply ammunition if they are performing their duties under the supervision of a firearms licence holder (sections 22B(1)(c) and 22D(3)). Firearms licence holders may possess, sell or supply ammunition (sections 22B (1)(a) and 22D(2)).

[Arms Act 1983 No 44 \(as at 02 March 2025\), Public Act 22B Restriction on possession of ammunition – New Zealand Legislation](#)

It is up to you whether you are happy for your employee to submit the Dealer Transactions form recording ammunition sales on your behalf. There is nothing in legislation stating how the Dealer Transactions form is used or by who.

What do I need to keep recording in my record-keeping book?

Your legal obligation is to record ammunition sales in the Registry, using the Dealer Transactions form. However, you can keep maintaining your dealer record book with the ammunition sales.

You also need to keep recording received or manufactured ammunition in your record book. Regulation 9I – [Arms Regulations 1992 \(SR 1992/346\) \(as at 28 June 2024\) 9I Record kept by ammunition sellers – New Zealand Legislation](#)

The Dealer Transactions form is unavailable, what do I do now?

If the Dealer Transactions form is unavailable, record the transaction in your dealer records book, using the Firearms Licence Checker to validate the licence. You must transfer the information to the Dealer Transactions form when it is available again.

We will post a notice about any planned system outages on our website. If you're having a problem with the form, call us on 0800 844 431 between 8:30am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Is this service secure? Will it protect my privacy and personal information?

Te Tari Pūreke has strong security measures to protect your personal information.

If you want to know more about this then there's some helpful information on our website.

[Internet safety | Firearms Safety Authority New Zealand](#)

[Privacy statement](#) and [terms of use](#).

Does it matter how much ammunition I sell at any one time?

Firearms licence holders can possess as much or as little non-prohibited ammunition as they like providing they have the appropriate storage and security for the quantity possessed. That means there is no limit on how much can be sold to them.

My shop gets busy at times, do I have to record the ammunition sale then and there, or can I submit the Dealer Transactions form later?

The Arms Regulations state that you need to record the transaction at the time the ammunition is dispatched or handed over, or immediately after.

[Arms Regulations 1992 \(SR 1992/346\) \(as at 28 June 2024\) – New Zealand Legislation](#)

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- Register online and update your details at firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/firearms-registry.

For general enquiries, email MyFirearms.support@police.govt.nz.