

We're here to help | Ammunition Sales

Arms Regulations that affect ammunition sellers, dealers, and licence holders are coming into effect on and from 24 June 2025. These include:

- ammunition sellers and licensed dealers must record sales of ammunition to a licence holder in the Firearms Registry 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](#)
- The sale of ammunition becomes an activating circumstance for firearms licence holders after 24 June 2025. This means firearms licence holders may need to register all their arms items within 30 days after their purchase of ammunition. Arms Regulations 1992 Section 41 (1)(e) [Arms Regulations 1992 \(SR 1992/346\) \(as at 28 June 2024\) – New Zealand Legislation](#)

What this means for you | Shooting Clubs

In the Arms Act, the definition of an ammunition seller does not include “a member of a shooting club, if the member sells ammunition to a club member, or on club premises, with the approval of the management committee of the club or a majority vote of club members; and the sales revenue is used for the benefit of the club”. Section 2, 1(b): [Arms Act 1983 No 44 \(as at 21 November 2024\), Public Act 2 Interpretation – New Zealand Legislation](#).

That means there is no legal requirement for the sale of ammunition at a Club, on and from 24 June 2025, to be recorded in the Registry, using the Dealer Transactions form.

Because the sale is not recorded, the Club member purchasing the ammunition will not receive an activating circumstance notification as a result of this purchase at the Club.

What you'll need to do

- Continue your current record-keeping conditions related to ammunition sales as specified in the Arms Regulations 1992 Section 28GM: [Arms Regulations 1992 \(SR 1992/346\) \(as at 28 June 2024\) – New Zealand Legislation](#)
- You can let any Club members know, if they ask, that they will not receive an activating circumstance notification as a result of ammunition purchases at the Club.
- However, licence holders, who already held a licence on 24 June 2023, who purchase ammunition for a Club from a dealer or ammunition seller will have an activating circumstance, if they haven't already had one.

If you have any questions, check our FAQs on the back of this information sheet.

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Phone 0800 844 431 between 8.30am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

We are committed to working with you to support the safe and responsible use of firearms in New Zealand

FAQs

I sell ammunition on behalf of my Shooting Club, does that make me an ammunition seller?

In the Arms Act, the definition of an ammunition seller does not include “a member of a shooting club, if the member sells ammunition to a club member, or on club premises, with the approval of the management committee of the club or a majority vote of club members; and the sales revenue is used for the benefit of the club”. Section 2, 1(b): [Arms Act 1983 No 44 \(as at 21 November 2024\)](#), [Public Act 2 Interpretation – New Zealand Legislation](#).

That means there is no legal requirement for the sale of ammunition, at a Club on and from 24 June 2025, to be recorded in the Registry, using the Dealer Transactions form as long as all sales revenue is used for the benefit of the Club with approval of management. However, the Shooting Club will need to continue its current record-keeping conditions related to ammunition sales as specified in the Arms Regulations 1992 Section 28GM: [Arms Regulations 1992 \(SR 1992/346\) \(as at 28 June 2024\) – New Zealand Legislation](#).

Because the sale is not recorded, the Club member purchasing the ammunition will not receive an activating circumstance notification as a result of this purchase at the Club.

My club is not incorporated so they use me and my dealer's licence to sell ammunition at the club on behalf of the club, with all proceeds to the Club. Do I have to advise the Registry of these transactions?

If all sales revenue is used for the benefit of the Club, with approval of management, then the Arms Act states you do not need to record the sale and supply of ammunition in the Registry, using the Dealer Transactions form.

Does it matter how much ammunition I sell for my Club 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.

I buy ammunition for my Club, will I have an activating circumstance when I purchase ammunition after 24 June 2025?

If you buy ammunition as a licence holder for your Club then yes, irrespective of who you purchase ammunition for or from, it is an activating circumstance which will require you as a firearms licence holder to provide the details of all of the arms items you possess, as well as other information about yourself for entry into the Firearms Registry. You also have an ongoing obligation to keep us updated of any changes to the information you have provided for the Registry. This doesn't include buying ammunition from a dealer as a dealer's licence holder.

As a firearms licence holder can I give ammunition to another licence holder?

Giving, sharing or otherwise supplying of non-prohibited ammunition between firearms licence holders can take place at any time and does not require any form of notification to NZ Police, Te Tari Pūreke or the Firearms Registry.

I've heard that from June you won't be able to buy ammunition for a calibre not registered to you. Any truth in that?

Ammunition of any calibre can be possessed or bought by a firearms licence holder for lawful purposes, even if they don't possess a firearm that will take that calibre. The current Regulations that come into force in June 2025 won't change that, but they do state 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](#).

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- Call us on 0800 844 431 between 8.30am and 5pm, Monday to Friday for general enquiries.
- Register online and update your details at firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/firearms-registry.

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