

We're here to help | Ammunition Sales

As a licensed dealer, you are required to record ammunition sales in the Registry on and from 24 June 2025.

The Dealer Transactions form will be updated for you on 24 June 2025 to include the required ammunition sales information 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

- Keep recording your dealer transactions in the usual way, using the [Dealer Transactions form](#), at the point of sale or immediately after.
- The Dealer Transactions form will be updated to include ammunition calibre or gauge and number of rounds. This will be the total quantity 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 ongoing access to the online [Dealer Transactions form](#) in your workplace, so you and your employees can record the sale of ammunition at the point of sale, or immediately afterwards.
- Watch the [Dealer Transactions form video for dealers](#) and share it with your employees. This will help you see more detail around what ammunition sales information you'll need to record.
- [Read our new web content](#) for Dealers. 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 a licensed dealer 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 Dealer 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](#)

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](#)

What's changing on the Dealer Transactions form?

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. This additional information will be part of the updated Dealer Transactions form, so you simply need to submit the completed Dealer Transactions form on and from 24 June 2025, to fulfil your legal obligations.

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.

Dealers may have other record-keeping obligations that need to be recorded in the dealer book. See [Using the Dealer Transactions form | Firearms Safety Authority New Zealand](#).

Can an unlicensed employee assist with the sale of ammunition?

Yes – under direct supervision of a licensed dealer or employee. 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.

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.

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](#).

My shop gets busy at times, do I have to record the ammo 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.

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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.