

Firearms Pānui

The latest firearms information

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Kia ora,

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Secure storage and transportation guide for firearms and ammunition



Updated Storage and Transportation Guide for 2025

We have made a number of changes to our secure storage and transportation guide for firearms and ammunition.

The changes are designed to make the guidance easier to understand, interpret and apply, for both firearms licence holders and our vetters.

Some sections have been strengthened or clarified (such as clarity on the construction of commercially built steel safes and options for ammunition storage), and new sections have been added (such as guidance on where to store keys and using heavy bank safes or shipping containers for firearms storage).

You can read the updated guide in full on our website here: [Storage and transportation of firearms and ammunition | Firearms Safety Authority](#)



June 2025 obligations | ammunition sales

This is a reminder that licence holders may now have an activating circumstance when they purchase ammunition from firearms dealers and ammunition sellers – if they have not had one already.

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 from a retailer. The purchase of ammunition from another licence holder is not an activating event.

Visit www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz for more information about your obligations as a firearms licence holder.



Prohibited tubular magazines and .22 calibre rifles

Te Tari Pūreke – Firearms Safety Authority has made a policy change for high-capacity non-detachable (tubular) prohibited magazines, which affects some rimfire .22 calibre rifles – including lever, bolt or pump action.

From June 2025, firearms licence holders who have registered these firearms may be given the option to modify the prohibited tubular magazines – those holding more than 10 rounds – that may allow these firearms to be retained as a non-prohibited item. The only pathway to remedy the non-compliant firearm is through registration in the Firearms Registry.

After the .22 has been registered, the licence holder will be contacted by Te Tari Pūreke Compliance Team who will work with the licence holder on what options are available to them, including modification by a qualified gunsmith.

To find out more on this policy change see our website here: [Te Tari Pūreke responds to .22 prohibited magazine issue | Firearms Safety Authority](#)



Firearms safety courses up and running!

In just a few weeks of delivering firearms safety training courses, our Safety Team have completed 41 firearms safety courses for new firearms licence applicants across New Zealand.

Feedback from course attendees so far has been outstanding, with many commenting on our engaging and knowledgeable instructors, the quality of the course content, and the overall quality and professionalism of the training course.

Some of the comments we have received include, “exceeded my expectations, backed up with real world experience” and “the teacher in this course made it for me, really interactive...10/10”. Great job team!

It's Wild Goat Hunting Season – Join the 2025 National Competition!

Te Tari Pūreke – Firearms Safety Authority is proud to support the 2025 [National Wild Goat Hunting Competition](#), a unique opportunity for hunters and landowners to help reduce wild goat numbers, protect the environment, and win!

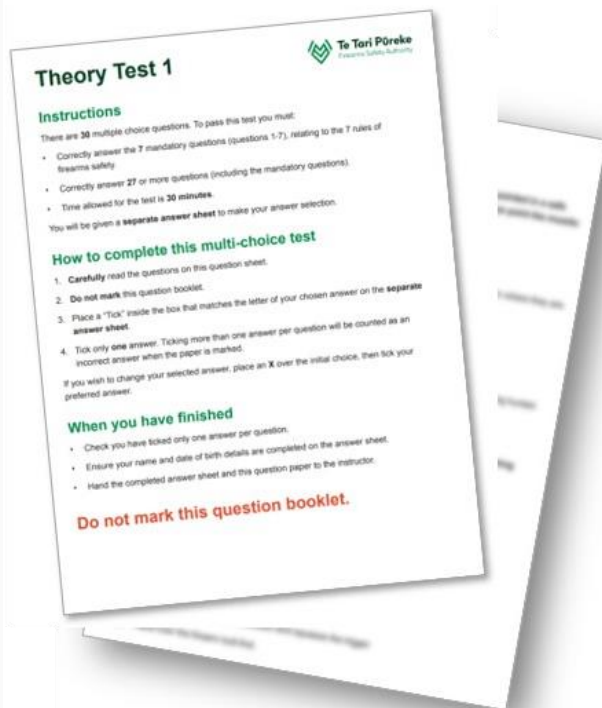
Wild goats pose a serious threat to native ecosystems, and this competition brought to you by the Department of Conservation and the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association helps tackle the issue.

Over \$70,000 in prizes are up for grabs—from top-tier hunting gear to unforgettable experiences. We've donated some personal locator beacons to support safe hunting, and other amazing prizes have been generously provided by Hunting & Fishing NZ, Nocpix, M.I.A, Bushnell, Real Meals, NZ Hunter, Hunters Element, and more.

For more information on how to enter go to www.doc.govt.nz/wild-goat-hunting-competition.



Firearms safety



Revised firearms safety tests now in use

We have taken on board feedback from firearms safety trainers and stakeholders regarding the tests used for our firearms safety training.

A new format has now been introduced and licence applicants can look forward to seeing:

- Multiple-choice questions so licence applicants can tick their answer of choice and revise an answer if they need to. We've replaced the old foil scratch-off sheets.
- Test instructions and question papers that are easier to read.
- Questions that are easier to comprehend (but not easier to pass).

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](#)

Active firearms licences summary | 1 August 2025

Individual	227,248
Visitor	35
Dealer*	428
Total	227,811

*A person who holds a dealer licence must also hold an individual licence

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Firearms licensing completion summary | 1 August 2025

	June 2025	July 2025
Individual	2,088	2,361
Visitor	35	25
Dealer	40	18

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Firearms Registry Update | 1 August 2025

Total Firearms Registered	427,820
Total Firearms Parts Registered	14,226
Total Licence Holders Registered	89,828

Total Licence Holders registered refers to all current and expired individual or visitor firearms licence holders with a registered firearm or firearms part

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