

Bona Fide Collector

Application Form

Bona fide collector endorsement

This application form is for all applicants for a bona fide collector endorsement to a New Zealand Firearms Licence.

This application form is for those who are:

1. An existing firearms licence holder who wishes to collect pistols, restricted weapons, prohibited firearms and/or prohibited magazines; **OR**
2. Applying for a New Zealand Firearms Licence for the first time AND a bona fide collector endorsement at the same time; **OR**
3. Reapplying for their New Zealand Firearms Licence and wish to also:
 - a. reapply for their existing bona fide collector endorsement; **OR**
 - b. apply for a bona fide collector endorsement for the first time.

Important note:

1. Where you are a current licence holder and are applying for this endorsement for the first time, your application must contain both:
 - » This endorsement application form; AND
 - » A firearms licence application (FRM23FLA) with only sections A, F, G, H, L and N completed.
2. In all other cases, your application must contain both:
 - » This endorsement application form; AND
 - » A firearms licence application form completed in full to ensure Police has the latest information about you and your circumstances.

When applying for two or more endorsements at the same time only submit one application for a firearms licence.

Who can apply

To apply for a firearms licence endorsement you need to meet the following criteria:

- » You are sixteen years of age if applying for an endorsement to possess pistols and restricted weapons; **OR**
- » You are at least eighteen years of age or older if applying for an endorsement to possess prohibited firearms and/or prohibited magazines; and
- » You must hold a current New Zealand Firearms Licence, or be currently applying for a Firearms Licence.

Note: You do not need to complete this collector endorsement form if your collection only consists of standard hunting and target shooting rifles and shotguns.

What you need to do

Did you know you can now complete your application online at MyFirearms? MyFirearms is our new secure online portal where you can apply and pay for your licensing and most endorsements online. You can even save your application and complete it later. Visit www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz to find out more. Need help? Call the Registry and Services Team on **0800 844 431 / 09 302 6500**.

Please ensure you read the following carefully before you begin your application for a firearms licence. An incomplete form will cause delays in processing your application.

1. Complete the endorsement application form

Download the endorsement application form to your computer or device. Enter the information requested and save the form.

Important note: Please save the form to your device and open it using your PDF software. We recommend using Adobe Acrobat Reader. If the form is completed using a browser, the entered information may be lost if you click on the 'back' button or if you try to save it.

Print out and sign the completed endorsement application form, or print out a blank form and handwrite your responses.

2. Complete the firearms licence application form as appropriate

Download the firearms licence application form to your computer or device.

- › Where you are a current licence holder and are applying for this endorsement for the first time, complete only sections A, F, G, H, L and N.
- › In all other cases you must complete the firearms licence application in full.

Important note: Please save the form to your device and open it using your PDF software. We recommend using Adobe Acrobat Reader. If the form is completed using a browser, the entered information may be lost if you click on the 'back' button or if you try to save it.

Print out and sign the completed firearms licence application form, or print out a blank form and handwrite your responses.

3. Pay the fee

Pay the non-refundable endorsement application fee at a New Zealand PostShop and keep a receipt to include with your application.

NOTE: If you already have a current firearms licence you don't need to pay another firearms licence application fee.

4. Get the required documents

To submit a printed application form at a Police station you'll need to include:

- › a copy of the PostShop receipt of your application fee
- › the completed endorsement application form
- › a completed firearms licence application form

5. Submit your applications to Police

- › Submit your printed application to Police at your local Police station or by courier post to National Support Team, Te Tari Pūreke, Level 3, 210 Federal Street, Auckland 1010, New Zealand.

What you will need to apply

For your application to be considered, you will need to:

- › meet the endorsement eligibility criteria, and
- › have endorsement specific firearms storage facilities, and
- › a vital part storage location if you are intending to possess prohibited firearms.

In your endorsement application, you will need to be able to:

- › supply the name and contact details for an endorsement related referee who will be interviewed by Police as to your suitability to possess pistols, restricted weapons, prohibited firearms and/or prohibited magazines (as relevant).

What happens next

Once your application has been received, Police will perform further checks in order to assess whether you are suitable to possess pistols, restricted weapons, prohibited firearms and/or prohibited magazines (as relevant).

Police will ask your referee to fill out a questionnaire and then interview them.

You will need to:

- › attend an in person interview with Police to discuss your application and determine that you are suitable to possess pistols, restricted weapons, prohibited firearms and/or prohibited magazines (as relevant).
- › show your endorsement specific firearms storage facilities, and
- › your vital part storage location if you are intending to possess prohibited firearms.

NOTE: Applying for or renewing a firearms licence or an endorsement is an activating circumstance. If this is your first activating circumstance, you are required to register all firearms in your personal possession within 30 days. You can do this online in MyFirearms or by calling the Registry and Services Team on 0800 844 431. Find out more about the Registry at firearmsafetyauthority.govt.nz/registry.



Endorsement application form for bona fide collector

Section 4A(1)(b) and/or 29(2)(b) Arms Act 1983

Note to Applicants

Endorsement application forms include questions which you may have answered in previous licence and / or endorsement applications. The purpose of asking these questions again is to ensure that we have the most current information available on which to review your application; and to ensure our record for you is correct and up to date.

Privacy Statement

The information provided is collected for the purpose of administration of the Arms Act 1983. New Zealand Police (Police) will hold, store, use or disclose the personal information collected in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020. This means that, where necessary, Police may use or disclose your personal information to enable it to carry out its lawful functions, including prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of offences. Please refer to the [How we manage personal information](#) section of the Police website for more information.

Section A. Applicant information

Section A1. Personal information

A.1. Name

NOTE: Please do not use initials or nicknames. Your last, first and middle names must be written in full. If you have changed your name several times, please indicate the most recent previous name on the form and list all other previously used names on a separate sheet. Return this sheet with your completed application.

Last name

First name

Middle names

A.2. Date of birth

DD	MM	YYYY

A.3. Gender

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Gender diverse

Section A2. Firearms licence status (select the option that applies)

A.4. ☐ I have a current firearms licence

Firearms licence number:

Endorsements held

A.5. ☐ I am currently applying for a firearms licence

You must have applied for or been granted a New Zealand Firearms Licence before you can apply for any additional endorsement(s).

Section B. Endorsement(s) sought

Pistols and restricted weapons (section 29(2)(b) Arms Act 1983):

B.1. Will your collection include pistols or restricted weapons?

☐ No ☐ Yes

Prohibited arms items (section 30A as a person exempt under section 4A(1)(b) Arms Act 1983):

B.2. Will your collection include one or more prohibited firearms?

☐ No ☐ Yes

B.3. Will your collection include one or more prohibited magazines?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If you answered YES to the prohibited firearms question, please also complete: Section C4. Vital parts storage

Section C. Reasons for possessing firearms

The following questions cover your experience with firearms and your reasons for wanting to start or continue collecting pistols, restricted weapons, prohibited firearms and/or prohibited magazines (as relevant).

Section C1. Collection rationale

C.1. Describe why you need pistols, restricted weapons, prohibited firearms and/or prohibited magazines

C.2. Describe the current or proposed theme of your collection. Provide information on the size of your collection or your intended collection and the types of items it contains or is intended to contain

C.3. **What has led to your interest in these types of firearms** *(why do you collect or want to collect)?*

Section C2. Themes and collecting activities

C.4. **If you already have a bona fide collector endorsement: What new directions or themes, if any, are you planning to explore?**
How will this change the parameters of your collection?

C.5. **List the collecting clubs and/or associations relevant to your collection interest you belong to**

C.6. **Describe your participation in collecting activities** *(including involvement in clubs, work in museums, etc.)*

Section C3. Safety

- C.7. Describe your personal attributes that make you a suitable person to have, or have access to pistols, restricted weapons, prohibited firearms and/or prohibited magazines

- C.8. Describe in your own words the obligations you are required to fulfil as a bona fide collector of firearms

Describe in respect of the Arms Act and Arms Regulations

- C.9. Describe in your own words how you will ensure you meet these obligations

Describe in respect of the Arms Act and Arms Regulations

Section C4. Vital parts storage

Complete this section only if your collection will include prohibited firearms

- C.10. Where do you propose to store the vital parts of your prohibited firearms?

Number and street

Suburb	Town/City	Postcode

C.11. Describe the security arrangements at this address

C.12. Who resides at this address, or, if this is a business address, who is the premise/business owner?**C.12a. Name**

Last name

First name

Middle names

C.12b. Firearms Licence number (if applicable)
C.12c. Endorsements held (if applicable)
C.12d. Home address

Number and street

Suburb

Town/City

Postcode

C.12e. Phone (at least one of the following)

Mobile

Area code

Number

Home

Area code

Number

C.12f. Email address

Section D. Referee 3 – Bona fide collector referee

- » You need to provide details of a referee who has knowledge of your existing, planned or proposed collecting activities and your genuine interest in collecting firearms
- » This should be a person who is involved in the administration of a firearms collecting club, such as a club secretary, and they should be someone you've known and been in regular face-to-face contact with for some time.
- » They must have a good knowledge of your participation in the activities covered by the endorsement application, and knowledge of your engagement in this / these activity/ies.
- » They need to be at least 20 years old.
- » They cannot be your current spouse or partner, or an otherwise related person.
- » They need to be available for an in-person interview.

D.1. Club role (eg. president, secretary, club captain, etc)

D.2. Name

Last name

First name

Middle names

D.3. Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Gender diverse

D.4. Date of birth

DD	MM	YYYY
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D.5. Maiden/other names used

D.6. Driver licence

D.7. Firearms licence

D.8. Home address

Number and street

Suburb

Town/City

Postcode

D.9. Phone (at least one of the following)

Mobile

Area code	Number
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Home

Area code	Number
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D.10. Email address

D.11. How long have you known each other?

Years

Months

D.12. How often do you see this person?

☐ Daily

☐ weekly

☐ fortnightly

☐ monthly

☐ less frequent

☐ other

Please describe

D.13. When did you last see them?

DD	MM	YYYY

D.14. How do you typically meet and connect with this person?

	Select all that apply	Select the most frequent method of contact (select one only)
In-person – living at same address	☐	☐
In-person – visiting, socialising, etc	☐	☐
In-person – hunting and/or club range	☐	☐
Phone calls /video calls	☐	☐
At work or in business meetings	☐	☐
Club meetings	☐	☐
Social Media (e.g. Facebook, etc.)	☐	☐

Please describe

Other online (e.g. gaming, etc.)	☐	☐
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Please describe

Other	☐	☐
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Please describe

D.15. Tell us how well you know this person and why they are a suitable referee to attest to your character (e.g. tell us about your relationship and your shared interests.)

Section E. Collection Security

In your firearms licence application you have to provide details on all locations where you will store any firearms that you possess. These addresses will be assessed by a member of Police in the review of your application for an endorsement.

Your home address is considered your primary security location. This includes other premises on the home address property, such as sleep outs and other houses.

For guidance on the secure storage of firearms and ammunition, please refer to the [Secure Storage and Transportation Standards for Firearms and Ammunition](#) document on Te Tari Pūreke - Firearms Safety Authority website.

E.1. How are the firearms in the collection stored or going to be stored?

NOTE: Tick all that apply

	Strong room	Stout room	Steel cabinets/ boxes	Safes	Racks	Secure display cabinet
Hunting and target shooting rifles and shotguns	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pistols	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Restricted weapons	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Prohibited firearms	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Prohibited magazines	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ammunition	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

E.2. Are all steel cabinets, steel boxes or safes fixed into the framework of the building in an approved manner?

☐

No

If no, why not and when will this be remediated?

☐

Yes

E.3. Describe how the proposed firearm security arrangements at the collection address match regulation 28 (Arms Regulations 1992) (e.g. construction of the secure storage, external security measures, alarm system etc.)

(If you wish to provide a photo(s) to support your application, this must be in addition to your description here. Please attach the photo to this application.)

E.4. What is the current/intended storage capacity for firearms held under an endorsement in the collection(s)?

Endorsed firearm(s):

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E.5. Describe how often the property is unoccupied, and how the security of firearms stored at the property mitigates this risk

Section F. Checklist

Before submitting your application, have you:

- ☐ answered all questions?
- ☐ enclosed the applicable fee receipt, confirming your payment?
- ☐ attached all attachments with additional information if necessary?
- ☐ confirmed with your endorsement referee that they are willing to be a referee for you, and are available for a face to face interview?
- ☐ completed Section C4. Vital storage parts, if your endorsement application includes prohibited firearms?
- ☐ dated (and signed if printed and handwritten) the declaration [below]?

Section G. Declaration

Please read the following statements and show your acceptance by ticking each box.

- ☐ The information I have supplied for this application is true and correct.
- ☐ I understand that it is an offence to supply details knowing them to be incorrect or misleading. (*section 42(d) of the Arms Act 1983*)
- ☐ I consent to the Police making inquiries into my fitness to possess firearms and authorise any person or organisation approached by the Police in this matter to release or disclose all relevant information.

Date of application

DD

MM

YYYY

Please sign below.

Signature

Section H. Additional comments

This space is for any additional comments you wish to add or to continue your answers to questions in this form.

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