



Travelling with firearms and ammunition on major domestic flights in New Zealand

What you need to do before you fly

- ✓ Notify the airline that you are travelling with firearms and/or ammunition before travelling
- ✓ Carry your current New Zealand Firearms Licence while you travel
- ✓ If your licence is under renewal, use the Firearms Licence Checker to confirm validity before you travel. Be ready to show the result on your phone at check-in when asked



How to pack your firearms

- Firearms must be unloaded and made inoperable. Remove the bolt where applicable or fit a trigger or cable lock
- Transport firearms in a locked, hard-sided case (no soft bags)
- Cases must be designed for air transport with secure locks
- Only you should hold the key or combination
- Firearms must be in checked baggage only. If the bolt is removable, it must be packed in a different checked bag from the firearm

How to pack your ammunition

- Ammunition must be in the original manufacturer packaging or a purpose-built container
- Maximum allowance is 5 kg per person including packaging
- Pack ammunition (*live or used casings*) in a different checked bag from the firearm
- Do not place ammunition in carry-on baggage
- Declare firearms and ammunition at check-in to airline staff

Notify airline staff

- Check if your airline has additional requirements
- Declare firearms and ammunition at check-in. Airline staff may inspect your luggage to confirm compliance
- Present your firearms Licence when asked
- Airline staff may need to check the security of your checked-in luggage

Quick checklist (before you leave home)



Firearms unloaded and locked in a hard case



Ammunition securely packed (≤ 5 kg)



Inoperable firearms and ammunition in separate checked bags



Firearms Licence ready



Ready to declare items at check-in



Luggage, clothing and carry-on clear of any loose ammunition or used casings

Need help?

- Contact your airline's customer service team for airline-specific questions
- Visit our website for guidance and resources:
www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz
- If you still need help, call us on 0800 844 431
- For international travel, visit the Firearms Safety Authority website for guidance on permits and requirements