

# Firearms Safety Course

Data is current as of 1 March 2026



This monthly dashboard summarises key data points for the Te Tari Pūreke – Firearms Safety Authority firearms safety courses.

First-time firearms licence applicants, or previous licence holders whose licence expired more than one year ago, must attend and pass a firearms safety course after applying for a firearms licence. The course is delivered by our firearms safety officers at venues across the country. The safety courses have two parts: a firearms theory test, and a firearms practical training session. Once a licence applicant has passed one of these courses their application is forwarded for District staff to complete vetting enquiries.

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## Courses

In February 2026, 55 courses were delivered to 440 licence applicants.

Month of course	Courses held	Spaces available	Attended	Non-attendance	Places not booked
July 2025	71	710	614	32	64
August 2025	69	690	540	29	121
September 2025	66	660	528	37	95
October 2025	61	610	511	52	47
November 2025	56	560	487	20	53
December 2025	45	450	396	18	36
January 2026	42	420	351	30	39
February 2026	55	550	440	35	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>4,650</b>	<b>3,867</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>530</b>

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## Survey feedback

For the month of February 2026, 58% of attendees completed the survey. In total, 98% of respondents noted that the overall quality of the course met their expectations.

Rate your firearms knowledge prior to taking this course	62%
Was the course easy to book?	73%
I looked at online or offline resources prior to attending the course	98%
Were the Te Tari Pūreke resources easy to find?	93%
Did the course content cover all the areas you expected?	97%
Did the trainer communicate the course topics in a way that was easy for you to understand?	98%
Overall, did you feel that the course increased your ability to handle firearms safely?	97%
The overall quality of the course met my expectations?	98%

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## Courses held by centre – February 2026

District	City	Courses
Northland	Moerewa	1
	Whangārei	1
Waitematā	Browns Bay	1
	Orewa	2
Counties Manukau	Drury	3
	Pukekohe	3
Waikato	Hamilton	3
	Paeroa	1
Bay of Plenty	Ōmokoroa	1
	Rotorua	1
	Taupō	1
	Te Puke	2
	Turangi	1
	Whakatāne	1
Eastern	Gisborne	1
	Napier	3
	Ruakituri	1
Central	Fielding	1
	New Plymouth	2
	Palmerston North	1

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	Taihape	1
	Taumarunui	1
	Whanganui	1
Wellington	Masterton	1
	Upper Hutt	1
	Waikanae	1
Tasman	Greymouth	1
	Nelson	1
	Renwick	1
Canterbury	Ashburton	1
	Christchurch	4
	Wigram	2
Southern	Alexandra	1
	Arrowtown	1
	Dunedin	2
	Gore	1
	Invercargill	1
	Ōamaru	1
	Te Anau	1

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