

Dealer Pānui

The latest information for firearms dealers

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Kia ora and welcome to the first edition of the Dealer Pānui

This pānui has been created for licensed dealers. It will be your regular summary of information specific to licensed dealers, alongside sharing any key dates, useful links and information.

At Te Tari Pūreke - Firearms Safety Authority our vision is that the possession and use of firearms in Aotearoa is the safest in the world; and you play a huge part in this.

Over the past couple of years there have been legislation and regulation changes for our firearms community. So, we want to offer licensed dealers a communication channel where you can keep up to date with what's happening.

While our team regularly spends time out in our community, I look forward to using this channel to engage with you on a regular basis.

In this pānui you can find:

- **Bulletin** - updates and information for licensed dealers
- **Quick fire** - common topics we are hearing from our licensed dealers community

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Bulletin

What you need to do when you buy a new firearm from a retailer

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Informing licence holders that they have obligations after they buy an arms item from a licensed dealer

It is important to remind your customers that after they have purchased an arms item from you, they must update the Firearms Registry.

When you sell an arms item, and enter the details into the dealer portal you have completed your record keeping obligations under section 7 of the Arms regulations 1992. **This action does not mean that the arms item is registered.**

The licence holder who has bought the arms item must contact Te Tari Pūreke to confirm they have taken possession of the arms item. The Arms item is not registered until this has happened.

Reminding customers of this obligation will help them stay compliant.



If someone wants to dispose or surrender arms items to a dealer

Information is available on our website [here](#) to help dealers understand their obligations, should a member of the public contact them to dispose or surrender an arms item.

If a member of the public has a firearm, other arms item or ammunition they can't legally possess, or don't want to keep, they have three options.

- sell or surrender the item to a current New Zealand firearms licence holder, or
- sell or surrender the item to a licensed firearms dealer, or
- surrender the item to New Zealand Police.

As a dealer, you're not obliged to accept arms items. If you do agree to accept an item you have obligations under [section 59A of the Arms Act](#). Read the full details on our website [here](#).



Import permit processing times

We are currently experiencing high demand for permits to import resulting in increased wait times. Permits for restricted and prohibited items will take longer than those for non-prohibited items.

Please consider this when applying for your permits to import and submit your application well in advance of the time you will need it.

Find more information about permits to import [here](#).



Modifications cannot be made to prohibited firearms or prohibited magazines that are held unlawfully

If you are presented with a firearm that has a magazine capacity greater than 10 rounds for a rimfire or centrefire rifle, or 5 rounds for a shotgun, the arms item may be a prohibited firearm, or the magazine, may be a prohibited magazine.

To legally possess these items, the licence holder, including licensed dealers, must have a prohibited endorsement on their licence, and a permit to possess for the firearm and/or magazine.

You must not modify the magazine for anyone who does not already have a Prohibited endorsement and permit to possess for the item. The arms item may be surrendered to a licensed dealer, and the dealer must then present it to a police station for inspection within 5 working days. Please refer to section 59A of the Arms Act 1983.

If you receive a request to modify a prohibited firearm or prohibited magazine and are unsure about what to do, contact us by calling 0800 844 431.

Quick fire

This section is to share information on some of the common topics we are hearing from our licensed dealer community. If you have anything you'd like covered in future editions you can send these to

firearmspartnerships@police.govt.nz

We continue to operate under the current legislation

The Government has signalled that it is reviewing aspects of our firearms laws. However, at this time this work has not been completed, and our firearms laws have not changed.

It is important to know, that until legislation and regulations are changed, we must continue to work under the current legislation and regulations.

We note that the Government has signalled that it is reviewing Part 6 of the Act relating to clubs and ranges. We are expecting a Bill to be drafted shortly.

Dealer requirements for the Mail Order Form

The **Mail order form, FRM 43A**, was updated in June 2023. This update introduced a requirement for the dealer's licence number, in the applicants details section. The dealer licence number must be included, if a dealer is receiving an arms item on behalf of a licence holder, or if the dealer is taking possession of the arms item.

Dealer licence card renewal

Your dealer licence card has security features, one is the version number. When your licence is renewed your licence number does not change, but the version number does change. When your new dealer licence card is created the version number on your old card becomes invalid.

There is a gap between the creation of your new card, and when you receive it. To limit any interruption to your business you will be contacted by Te Tari Pūreke to let you know what your new version number is. This contact is firstly by email, and then it is followed up by a phone call.

We encourage you to make sure your email, and phone contact details are up to date. You can do this by calling 0800 844 431: ask to check and update your contact details.

Dealer endorsements on individual licences and activating circumstances

If you work for a dealer and you handle any of the following items, you require a dealer employee endorsement.

- pistols or restricted weapons.
- prohibited firearms.
- prohibited magazines.
- pistol carbine conversion kits.
- any combination of the above.

The dealer employee endorsement lasts for 12 months. It is important to note that this endorsement is attached to your personal licence, and it is not a dealer licence.

Application for or renewal of your dealer employee endorsement is an activating circumstance. The first time you have an activating circumstance, you're required to provide information for the Registry within 30 days. This includes recording all arms items in your possession and checking your firearms licence holder details are complete and up to date.

Enhancements to the Dealer Transactions Form

We're listening to your feedback and enhancing the Dealer Transactions Form to make it easier and quicker to use. At the end of 2023 our team visited some dealers and sent out a survey to better understand people's experiences using the form.

Here's some highlights from this research:

- The form has been redesigned to make it easier to use on a range of devices, including desktops, laptops, tablets and mobile phones.
- We're adding functionality to remember your dealer details, so you don't have to enter them every time.
- Your dealer licence details will be saved for up to two hours after you submit a transaction, allowing you to submit multiple transactions back-to-back without re-entering your licence information.
- We are improving the suggestions for arms items makes and models, only showing suggestions that match the item type such as pistol or rifle. This will make it faster and easier to enter the arms item details.

These improvements are now in progress, and we plan to launch the changes later this year. Watch this space!

We want to make sure we're designing our services so that they work for you , so get in touch if you use the Dealer Transactions form regularly. We'd love to hear from you. Email

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