

# Firearms Pānui

The latest firearms information

Te Tari Pūreke Partnerships - Firearms Pānui | December 2024

Kia ora,

I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday period.

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## New 'Delivery and Performance Summary' paints a picture of progress for the firearms regulator

Te Tari Pūreke - Firearms Safety Authority is happy to be sharing with you our *Delivery and Performance Summary for July 2023-June 2024*.

This report outlines the work the Firearms Safety Authority and how we are performing against a number of key measures.

- Section One – Licence holder demographics
- Section Two – Ensuring only 'fit and proper' individuals hold a licence
- Section Three – Supporting regulated parties to succeed
- Section Four – Working with other agencies

This report is available on the Firearms Safety Authority's website in our [Reports and Publications](#) section.



## Information about shooting safely on rural lifestyle properties or small holdings

Information about shooting activities on lifestyle blocks or small landholders is now available on our website. This includes information for landowners and others using the land.

You can find the information here: [Shooting on rural lifestyle properties or small holdings](#)



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## Travelling with firearms on airlines in New Zealand

Information about travelling with firearms and ammunition on airlines in New Zealand is now available on our website. This includes important details for licence holders whose firearms licence cards appear expired while in the re-application process.

For further details, visit the [Storage and transportation of firearms and ammunition](#) webpage.

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## Thank you for your feedback regarding the firearms engagement and education framework for New Zealand

Back in October we asked you for feedback to help us develop New Zealand's firearms safety engagement and education framework. We've received feedback from many different groups.

We've taken on board your feedback and recently announced some changes to how we'll deliver firearms safety engagement and education for New Zealanders next year:

- More Whakatūpato courses are coming in 2025: a training programme that's designed for and delivered in rural and isolated communities.
- The standard firearms safety course is changing, instructor to student ratio will be improved to create smaller class sizes with greater focus and time spent on safe handling.
- We're piloting firearms safety training courses in some secondary schools.
- A skills standard at NCEA level 2 will be available for the firearms safety course, which will be worth 3 credits.
- There will be a noticeable increase in our attendance at community events and shows, and we'll be working with retailers and partners at targeted times of the year (the Roar and duck shooting).

To achieve these changes, we're bringing firearms safety training in house to develop and modernise it, and once it's ready, we plan to partner with a network of community-based organisations to be approved training providers.

For more info please follow this link: [Changes in store for firearms safety training and education | Firearms Safety Authority New Zealand](#)

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## Clarification about findings of IPCA investigation into alleged firearms offences by a South Island Police officer

Recently there have been media reporting and public commentary about the findings of an Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) investigation into alleged firearms offences by a South Island Police officer.

The media reporting and public commentary have made errors about the findings. The commentary wrongly claimed the IPCA found the officer accessed the Firearm Registry administered by Te Tari Pūreke – Firearms Safety Authority. The IPCA made no such finding.

For more context and reassurance, you can find information here: Clarification: [IPCA confirm South Island officer had no connection with the Firearms Registry](#)

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## Firearms Registry closes net around suspected firearms diverter

On Friday 15 November, Police executed a search warrant at a Kāpiti Coast address belonging to a Mongrel Mob gang prospect.

A check of the serial numbers from firearms that were seized, quickly revealed the identity of a licence holder who should have been in possession of the guns. After confirming the firearms hadn't been stolen, that licence holder was served with a firearms licence suspension, the first step to being revoked. Their firearms were seized, and they are now facing criminal charges related to the unlawful supply of firearms.

Flowing from connections identified from the original seized firearms, further search warrants have been executed, with other alleged firearms diverters being linked through the firearms records now available to Police from the Firearms Registry.

You can find more information here: [Firearms Registry closing net around suspected firearms diverters](#)

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**Keep up to date on the latest numbers**

## Firearms Registry

We have had **more than 326,000 firearms registered** by 29% of licence holders since the Registry has been live.

Remember, the first time you have an activating circumstance you must register all arms items in your possession.

Find out more about activating circumstances and ongoing events [here](#) or give our helpful registry team a call on 0800 844 431, Monday-Friday except public holidays.

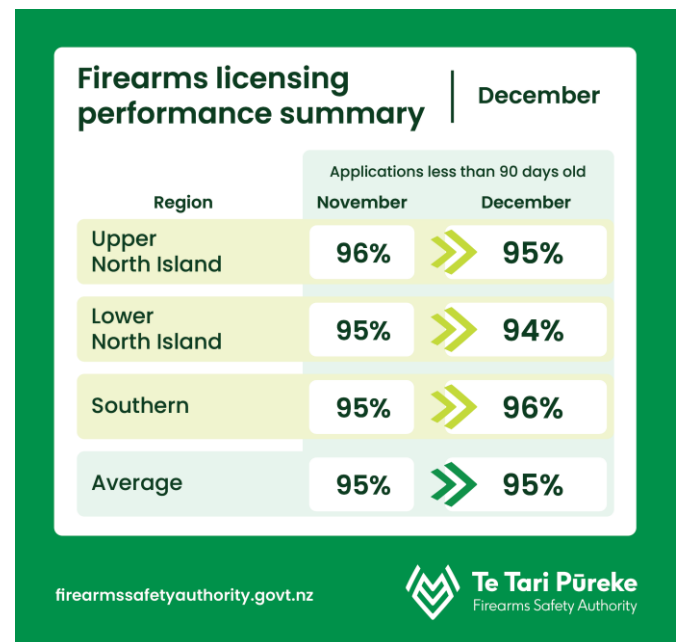


## Firearms licensing data

Here is the latest firearms licencing performance data broken down by region. Te Tari Pūreke proactively releases data such as the number of active licences broken down by demographics, and information over longer time periods, such as firearms offences. You can find the public dashboard [here](#).

### Firearms licensing performance

Te Tari Pūreke is currently working to complete all firearms licence applications within three months (90 days). However, it should be recognised that in some situations it will take longer than three months to arrange with applicants and complete parts of the process.



**Firearms safety**

## Heading away over the holidays? Now is time to start thinking about transport and storage

If you're getting ready to head away for holidays it's important to take time to consider how firearms and ammunition will be transported, stored and used safely.

If you're looking to travel with firearms, or you'll be leaving them at home while you're away, now is a good time to start thinking about logistics before heading off on that well-earned summer break.

**Here** you can find information about secure storage and transport.



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