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Catherine A Tizard, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 7th day of December 1992

Present:
Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Pursuant to section 74 of the Arms Act 1983, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

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Regulations

1 Title and commencement

(1) These regulations may be cited as the Arms Regulations 1992.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on 11 December 1992.

Part 1
Preliminary provisions

Part 1 heading: inserted, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Preliminary provisions

[Revoked]

Heading: revoked, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

2 Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

the Act means the Arms Act 1983

armoury contractor means a person who, under a contract with the Chief of Defence Force, is administering 1 or more defence armouries

commissioned officer of Police means a constable who is of or above the level of position of inspector

defence area has the meaning given to that term by section 2(1) of the Defence Act 1990

defence armoury means an armoury of the New Zealand Defence Force

Internet site means an Internet site maintained by, or on behalf of, the Commissioner

major firearm part means—

(a) the action (frame, receiver, or upper receiver and lower receiver) of a firearm:

(b) the frame of a pistol:

(c) a calibre conversion component or kit of a pistol.

ordinarily resident in New Zealand, in relation to a person, means the person—

(a) is domiciled in New Zealand; or

(b) is living in New Zealand and the place where that person usually lives is, and has been for the immediately preceding 12 months, in New Zealand, whether or not that person has on occasion been away from New Zealand during that period

Regulation 2: substituted, on 15 June 1998, by regulation 2 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 1998 (SR 1998/155).

Regulation 2 **commissioned officer of Police**: inserted, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 2 **Internet site**: inserted, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 2 **major firearm part**: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 4 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 2 **ordinarily resident in New Zealand**: inserted, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 6 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Regulation 2 **reclassified MSSA**: revoked, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

2AA Transitional, savings, and related provisions

The transitional, savings, and related provisions set out in Schedule 1AA have effect according to their terms.

Regulation 2AA: inserted, on 28 July 2023, by regulation 4 of the Arms Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2023 (SL 2023/181).

2A Provisions for making applications, etc, electronically through Internet site

(1) A provision in these regulations for an application to be made electronically through an Internet site, or for some other thing to be done in that manner, applies only when the Commissioner, on an Internet site, offers to receive that application or permits that other thing to be done electronically through that Internet site.

(2) Until the Commissioner makes that offer or gives that permission, and during any period when the Internet site is not accessible for any reason, the application must be made or the other thing must done in an alternative manner provided for in or under these regulations.

Regulation 2A: inserted, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 6 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

2B General qualification on provisions for making applications electronically through Internet site

Despite a provision in these regulations for an application to be made electronically through an Internet site, a person must make their application under that provision in writing, in hard copy form, if a commissioned officer of Police requires them to do so (regardless of whether, at the time the requirement is made, the person has already commenced their application electronically through an Internet site).

Regulation 2B: inserted, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 6 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

2C Prescribed wild animals and animal pests

The following wild animals and animal pests are prescribed for the purposes of section 4A(1)(i) and (j) of the Act:

(a) a wild animal as defined in paragraph (a) of the definition of that term in section 2(1) of the Wild Animal Control Act 1977:

(b) wallaby (*family Macropodidae*):

(c) feral rabbit:

(d) feral hare:

(e) Canada goose (*Branta canadensis*).

Regulation 2C: inserted, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 2C: amended, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 7 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Part 2
Licensed dealers, ammunition sellers, etc

Part 2 heading: inserted, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 8 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Licensed dealers

[Revoked]

Heading: revoked, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 8 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

3 Application for dealer's licence: general requirements

(1) An application for a dealer's licence must be made—

(a) in writing in hard copy form; or

(b) electronically through an Internet site.

(1A) An application in writing in hard copy form must be—

(a) signed by the applicant; and

(b) delivered to an address specified in the application form.

(2) The application shall state—

(a) the full name of the applicant; and

(b) the sex of the applicant; and

(c) the date of birth of the applicant; and

(d) the address and occupation of the applicant; and

(e) the number of the applicant's firearms licence; and

(f) the address of the place, or each place, at which the business is to be carried on; and

(g) in addition to the information required by section 5A(1)(b) of the Act,—

(i) if the applicant intends to manufacture 1 or more classes of arms items, the class or classes of arms items intended to be manufactured; and

(ii) whether the applicant intends to manufacture air pistol carbine conversion kits for sale, hire, lending, or other supply; and

(iii) whether the applicant is intending to possess, sell, supply, or manufacture ammunition; and

(iv) whether the applicant is applying as a senior manager of a body corporate for authorisation to carry on dealer activities on behalf of the body corporate.

(3) *[Revoked]*

Regulation 3 heading: replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 5(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 3(1): replaced, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 7 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 3(1A): inserted, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 7 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 3(1A)(b): replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 5(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 3(2)(f): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 5(3) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 3(2)(g): replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 5(4) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 3(3): revoked, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 5(5) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

4 Application for dealer's licence: other requirements

An applicant for a dealer's licence must, in addition to providing the information required by section 5A(1)(b) of the Act and regulation 3(2), specify the following in their application:

(a) the name and firearms licence number of each employee who, in their capacity as an employee, will be handling or have access to any arms items or ammunition at the place of business where the applicant intends to carry on business as a licensed dealer; and

(b) if the applicant intends to operate from 2 or more places of business, the dealer's licence number of the manager (or copy of the manager's application for a dealer's licence) of each place of business; and

(c) the names and contact details of 2 persons unrelated to the applicant who ordinarily reside in New Zealand of whom inquiries can be made as to whether the applicant is a fit and proper person to carry on dealer activities; and

(d) the name and contact details of the applicant's next of kin; and

(e) any other information that may be required by a commissioned officer of Police.

Regulation 4: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 6 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

4 Place of application

[Revoked]

Regulation 4: revoked, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 8 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

5 Form of dealer's licence

[Revoked]

Regulation 5: revoked, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 9 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

6 Application in relation to gun show

(1) A licensed dealer who wishes to apply for the consent of a commissioned officer of Police for the purposes of section 7A of the Act must make that application—

(a) in writing in hard copy form; or

(b) electronically through an Internet site.

(1A) An application in writing in hard copy form must be—

(a) made using the form prescribed or approved by the Commissioner; and

(b) signed by the applicant; and

(c) delivered to an address specified in the application form.

(2) The application shall state—

(a) the full name of the applicant; and

(b) the address of the place at which the gun show is to be conducted; and

(c) the period (not exceeding 5 days) over which the gun show is to be held; and

(d) in relation to the place at which the gun show is to be conducted, details of—

(i) the security of that place; and

(ii) the facilities available for the secure display of arms items and ammunition for sale; and

(iii) the facilities available for the secure storage of arms items and ammunition when not displayed for sale; and

(e) the types and quantities of arms items that the dealer is taking to the show.

(3) *[Revoked]*

Regulation 6(1): replaced, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 10(1) of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 6(1A): replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 7(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 6(2)(d): inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 7(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 6(2)(e): inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 4 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 6(3): revoked, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 10(2) of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

7 Records kept by licensed dealers: general requirements

(1) This regulation applies in respect of the following items:

(a) arms items (excluding parts that are not major firearm parts); and

(b) ammunition.

(2) Every licensed dealer must record, in respect of every item to which this regulation applies received by the licensed dealer (including every item received for sale, repair, or modification),—

(a) particulars of the item, which must include,—

(i) for an arms item (other than a magazine or part), its—

(A) make; and

(B) model; and

(C) action type; and

(D) calibre or gauge; and

(E) identification marking; and

(F) magazine capacity (for firearms with a non-detachable magazine):

(ii) for a magazine, its type and capacity, and in the case of a prohibited magazine (whether detachable or non-detachable), its identification marking:

(iii) for a major firearm part not integrated into a firearm, its identification marking:

(iv) for ammunition, its type and quantity; and

(b) the date the item was received; and

(c) the name and address of the person from whom the item is received, unless the item is an airgun or a firearm, pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited item, or restricted weapon and within 5 working days of receiving the item the licensed dealer surrenders it to a member of the Police; and

(d) the number of the firearms licence of the person from whom the item is received, unless—

(i) the item is a pistol, prohibited item, or restricted weapon and the item is immediately surrendered by the licensed dealer to a member of the Police; or

(ii) the item is a restricted airgun received from a person of or over the age of 18 years.

(3) Every licensed dealer must record, in respect of every item to which this regulation applies manufactured by the licensed dealer,—

(a) particulars of the item, which must include,—

(i) for an arms item (other than a magazine or part), its—

(A) make; and

(B) model; and

(C) action type; and

(D) calibre or gauge; and

(E) identification marking; and

(F) magazine capacity (for firearms with a non-detachable magazine):

(ii) for a magazine, its type and capacity, and in the case of a prohibited magazine (whether detachable or non-detachable), its identification marking:

(iii) for a major firearm part not integrated into a firearm, its identification marking; and

(b) the date on which the item's manufacture is completed.

(4) Every licensed dealer must record, in respect of every item to which this regulation applies delivered by the licensed dealer,—

(a) particulars of the item, which must include,—

(i) for an arms item (other than a magazine or part), its—

(A) make; and

(B) model; and

(C) action type; and

(D) calibre or gauge; and

(E) identification marking; and

(F) magazine capacity (for firearms with a non-detachable magazine):

(ii) for a magazine, its type and capacity, and in the case of a prohibited magazine (whether detachable or non-detachable), its identification marking:

(iii) for a major firearm part not integrated into a firearm, its identification marking:

(iv) for ammunition, its type and quantity; and

(b) the date on which the item is delivered; and

(c) the name and address of the person to whom the item is delivered; and

(d) except in the case of a restricted airgun delivered to a person who is of or over the age of 18 years, the number of the firearms licence of the person to whom the item is delivered; and

(e) in the case of a pistol, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, pistol carbine conversion kit, or restricted weapon delivered to a person who requires a permit to possess it, the date and place of issue of the permit.

(4AAA) Subclauses (2)(a)(i)(E), (3)(a)(i)(E), and (4)(a)(i)(E) do not apply to an airgun unless the airgun is—

(a) a restricted airgun; and

(b) used other than in airsoft or paintball sports.

(4A) On and after the date on which the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 comes into force, every licensed dealer must record, in respect of any prohibited item for which the dealer keeps other particulars under any of subclauses (2) to (4), that the item is a prohibited item.

(5) Every licensed dealer must record, in respect of every airgun delivered to a person who is between 16 and 18 years of age,—

(a) the person's name and address; and

(b) the number of the person's firearms licence.

(6) This regulation—

(a) does not apply to a licensed dealer who is the director or curator of a bona fide museum (*see* instead the requirements in regulation 7A); and

(b) is subject to regulations 7B(1), 7D(2), and 7E(2).

(7) *[Revoked]*

(7A) *[Revoked]*

(8) *[Revoked]*

(9) *[Revoked]*

(10) *[Revoked]*

Regulation 7: replaced, on 11 December 2013, by section 15 of the Arms (Military Style Semi-automatic Firearms and Import Controls) Amendment Act 2012 (2012 No 117).

Regulation 7 heading: replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 8(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 7(1): replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 8(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 7(2)(a): replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 8(3) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 7(2)(a)(i)(E): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 7(2)(a)(ii): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 7(2)(a)(iii): replaced, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 9(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Regulation 7(2)(a)(iii): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 7(2)(c): replaced, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 4 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 7(2)(c): amended, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 9(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Regulation 7(2)(c): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 8(4) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 7(2)(d): replaced, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 4 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 7(3)(a): replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 8(5) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 7(3)(a)(i)(E): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 7(3)(a)(ii): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 7(3)(a)(iii): replaced, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 9(3) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Regulation 7(3)(a)(iii): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 7(4)(a): replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 8(6) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 7(4)(a)(i)(E): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 7(4)(a)(ii): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 7(4)(a)(iii): replaced, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 9(4) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Regulation 7(4)(a)(iii): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 7(4)(e): replaced, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 7(4)(e): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 8(7) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 7(4AAA): inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 8(8) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 7(4A): replaced, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 7(6): replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 8(9) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 7(7): revoked, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 8(9) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 7(7A): revoked, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 8(9) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 7(8): revoked, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 8(9) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 7(9): revoked, on 24 June 2021, by section 109 of the Arms Legislation Act 2020 (2020 No 23).

Regulation 7(10): revoked, on 24 June 2021, by section 109 of the Arms Legislation Act 2020 (2020 No 23).

7A Records kept by licensed dealers: directors and curators of museums

(1) This regulation applies to a licensed dealer who is the director or curator of a bona fide museum that has as part of its collection, whether on display or in storage, an arms item (other than a part that is not a major firearm part).

(2) The licensed dealer must record, in respect of an arms item, the following information:

(a) if the item is a firearm, its—

(i) make; and

(ii) model; and

(iii) action type; and

(iv) calibre; and

(v) identification marking (if any); and

(vi) magazine capacity (for a firearm with a non-detachable magazine):

(b) if the item is a magazine, its type and capacity and, in the case of a prohibited magazine (whether detachable or non-detachable), its identification marking:

(c) if the item is a major firearm part, its identification marking.

Regulation 7A: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 9 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 7A(2)(a)(v): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 6 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 7A(2)(b): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 6 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 7A(2)(c): replaced, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 10 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Regulation 7A(2)(c): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 6 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

7B Records kept by licensed dealers: additional requirements in relation to arms items sold by auction

(1) A licensed dealer who possesses an arms item for the purposes of an auction must, when that item is sold by auction, record the information specified in subclause (2) in addition to the records required to be kept under regulation 7, but subclause (2)(c) to (f) applies instead of the requirements in regulation 7(4)(b) to (e).

(2) The information referred to in subclause (1) is:

(a) the date and place of the auction; and

(b) the name of the auctioneer who conducted the auction; and

(c) the name and contact details of the purchaser; and

(d) the purchaser's firearms licence number (unless the item is an airgun purchased by a person of or over the age of 18 years); and

(e) the number of the purchaser's permit to possess if the item is a pistol, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, restricted weapon, or pistol carbine conversion kit; and

(f) the date and method of delivery of the item to the purchaser.

Regulation 7B: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 9 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

7C Records kept by licensed dealers: additional requirements in relation to arms items hired to broadcaster or theatrical company, etc

A licensed dealer who hires out any arms item for use by a broadcaster, or a bona fide theatre company or society, or a cinematic or television film production company, or a video recording production company must, in respect of the item, record the following information in addition to the records required to be kept under regulation 7:

(a) the name and contact details of the theatrical armourer supervising the use of the item; and

(b) the number of the theatrical armourer's firearms licence and the relevant endorsements on the licence; and

(c) the address of the theatrical armourer's usual place of business; and

(d) the principal physical address of the broadcaster, company, society, or production company using the item; and

(e) the duration and description of the production.

Regulation 7C: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 9 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

7D Records kept by licensed dealers: requirements in relation to firearms and airguns supplied for shooting activities or hunting activities

(1) This regulation applies if—

(a) a licensed dealer supplies a firearm or an airgun for use for—

(i) a shooting activity (for example, for use at a shooting range); or

(ii) a hunting activity in respect of which the licensed dealer provides commercial hunting guide services; and

(b) all of the following apply:

(i) the firearm or airgun remains in the ownership of the licensed dealer for the duration of the activity:

(ii) the firearm or airgun is returned to the possession of the licensed dealer at the end of the activity:

(iii) the firearm or airgun is supplied with a quantity of ammunition or airgun projectiles as part of the cost of the activity, or the person to whom the firearm or airgun is supplied provides their own ammunition or projectiles.

(2) A licensed dealer to whom this regulation applies must record the information specified in subclause (3) in addition to the records required to be kept under regulation 7, but subclause (3) applies instead of the requirements in regulation 7(4).

(3) A licensed dealer must record the following information in respect of the shooting activity:

(a) the date and place of the shooting activity; and

(b) the name and contact details of all individuals participating in the shooting activity; and

(c) each participant's firearms licence number or, if a participant does not have a firearms licence, the participant's date of birth; and

(d) the firearms licence number of each person providing supervision to participants using firearms or airguns without a firearms licence.

(4) In this regulation, **shooting activities**—

(a) means activities that are carried out using a firearm or an airgun for the purpose of shooting at inanimate targets (whether fixed or moving); but

(b) excludes—

(i) paintball shooting; and

(ii) airsoft shooting.

Regulation 7D: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 9 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

7E Records kept by licensed dealers: requirements for airguns supplied for airsoft or paintball sports, etc

(1) This regulation applies if a licensed dealer hires out airguns for a specified period (a **session**) for use in any of the following activities at a commercial sports venue (and the airguns are not taken outside of that venue):

(a) airsoft games:

(b) paintball games:

(c) military simulation activities.

(2) A licensed dealer to whom this regulation applies must record the information specified in subclause (3) in addition to the records required to be kept under regulation 7, but subclause (3) applies instead of the requirements in regulation 7(4).

(3) A licensed dealer must, for each session, record the following information:

(a) the names of the persons issued with airguns for the session; and

(b) the number of airguns issued at the beginning of the session; and

(c) the number of airguns returned at the end of the session.

Regulation 7E: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 9 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

7F Records to be kept in book

(1) The records referred to in regulations 7 to 7E must be recorded by the licensed dealer in the book required by section 12(1) of the Act to be kept by the licensed dealer at the place of business referred to in their licence.

(2) If a licensed dealer keeps their book in hard copy form, it must be kept in a way that readily discloses the particulars required to be recorded in it.

(3) The book may be kept as an electronic record if—

(a) the integrity of the particulars and the other information that must be entered into that record is maintained in a manner that ensures that the information remains complete and unaltered; and

(b) the licensed dealer has in place and maintains the systems and processes necessary to enable the licensed dealer to access and provide to a member of the Police, on request, the particulars and other information entered into that record, at any time during the 10-year period specified in section 12(1B) of the Act.

(4) Each entry must be made at or immediately following the time of the transaction to which it relates.

(5) The relevant records in the dealer's book must be made available to the Police in the form and manner, and as frequently as, prescribed by the Commissioner.

(6) However, once regulation 42(1) applies in relation to an arms item or ammunition, a dealer is exempt from recording in their record books the information about the item that would otherwise be required by regulation 7(2)(b) or (4)(b), (c), or (e).

Regulation 7F: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 9 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 7F(5): inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 7 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 7F(6): inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 7 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

8 Conditions of dealer's licence: security of place of business

A dealer's licence is subject to the following conditions:

(a) the building in which the dealer's place of business is located must be, and be maintained, in a structurally sound condition:

(b) the doors that can give access to the dealer's place of business, and their locks, bolts, hinges, and other fastenings, must be strong and stout and must be maintained in good condition:

(c) the windows, skylights, or other things intended to cover openings to the dealer's place of business, and their locks, bolts, hinges, and other fastenings, must be maintained in good condition:

(d) all such doors and all such windows, skylights, and other things must be capable of being secured against unlawful entry, in a manner approved for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police:

(e) whenever the dealer's place of business is left unattended or unoccupied, the dealer must ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to secure the place of business from unlawful entry.

Regulation 8: replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 10 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

8A Conditions of dealer's licence: security of firearms, etc, at licensed dealer's place of business

(1) A dealer's licence is subject to the following conditions:

(a) the dealer must ensure that all firearms (other than miniature replica cannon) at the dealer's place of business that are not in the physical possession of the dealer or an employee of the dealer or that are not being demonstrated to a customer or handled by a customer under the immediate continuous personal supervision of the dealer or of an employee of the dealer are—

(i) dismantled, rendered inoperable, or immobilised (which includes securing them in a display cabinet or rack so that they cannot be readily removed), in a manner approved for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police, so that none of them can be fired; or

(ii) locked up in a steel box, steel cabinet, or steel safe, that is secured to the building, or in a steel and concrete strongroom or stout storeroom, and the box, cabinet, safe, or strongroom must be of sound construction and of a type approved for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police:

(b) where vital parts are removed from a firearm for the purpose of complying with paragraph (a)(i), those parts must be locked up in a different box, cabinet, safe, or strongroom in the premises that complies with paragraph (a)(ii), or in a secure place in different premises:

(c) all pistols (other than air pistols), prohibited items, magazines, restricted weapons, pistol carbine conversion kits, and major firearm parts at the

dealer's place of business that are not in the physical possession of the dealer or an employee of the dealer or that are not being demonstrated to a customer or handled by a customer under the immediate continuous personal supervision of the dealer or an employee of the dealer must be locked up in a box, cabinet, safe, or strongroom that complies with paragraph (a)(ii):

(d) all airguns at the dealer's place of business that are not in the physical possession of the dealer or an employee of the dealer or that are not being demonstrated to a customer or handled by a customer under the immediate and personal supervision of the dealer or an employee of the dealer must be secured in a manner so that they cannot be readily removed:

(e) all ammunition at the dealer's place of business must be stored in storage facilities that are approved for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police and,—

(i) if the ammunition is not on display or being handled by a customer, be stored—

(A) in an area not accessible to the public in a steel cabinet or container that is soundly constructed and secured to the building to prevent its removal; or

(B) in a locked storeroom or strongroom:

(ii) if the ammunition is on display, be stored in a locked container or a locked display case that is soundly constructed and secured to the building to prevent its removal and may be handled by a customer only under the immediate and continuous supervision of the dealer or an employee of the dealer.

(2) If a director or curator of a bona fide museum keeps any firearms, prohibited magazines, restricted weapons, or ammunition that are on display to members of the public (**display items**), the director or curator must ensure that—

(a) the display items cannot be handled by members of the public; and

(b) the firearms and restricted weapons are rendered inoperable; and

(c) the display items are adequately secured in a manner approved in each case by a member of the Police to prevent unlawful removal.

Regulation 8A: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 10 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 8A(2): replaced, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 11 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

9 Power to grant exemptions in respect of security precautions

(1) Any commissioned officer of Police may, by writing, exempt any dealer from compliance with any of the conditions set out in regulations 8 and 8A if that officer is satisfied that the security conditions being observed by that dealer are

sufficient to prevent the unlawful removal of firearms from the dealer's place of business.

(2) Any exemption under subclause (1) may at any time in like manner be revoked by any commissioned officer of Police.

(3) Any exemption under subclause (1) may be limited to such days or times or both as are specified in it.

Regulation 9(1): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 11 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

9A Condition of dealer's licence: notifications

(1) A dealer's licence is issued subject to the condition that the dealer must notify a member of the Police as soon as is reasonably practicable if—

(a) the dealer decides to discontinue carrying on business as a licensed dealer:

(b) the dealer is not able, or is no longer able, to comply with—

(i) 1 or more conditions of their licence; or

(ii) 1 or more conditions of an endorsement on their licence:

(c) the dealer intends to alter the premises at which they carry on business in a way that will affect the security of the premises:

(d) the manager at any of the dealer's places of business is to change:

(e) an employee resigns from the dealer's employment in any case where the employee's firearms licence bears endorsements made under section 30 or 30B of the Act authorising the employee to possess pistols, restricted weapons, prohibited firearms, or prohibited magazines in connection with their duties as an employee of the dealer.

(2) When giving notice under subclause (1)(d), a dealer must also provide to the member of Police the following information:

(a) the address of the place of business; and

(b) the date from which the new manager will be managing the dealer's activities at that place of business; and

(c) the name of the new manager.

(3) A dealer's licence is issued subject to the condition that a dealer must surrender their licence to a member of the Police on the date that they discontinue carrying on business as a licensed dealer.

Regulation 9A: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 12 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

9B Condition of dealer's licence: inspection of certain arms items

(1) A dealer's licence is issued subject to the condition that the dealer who is in possession of a non-prohibited firearm, airgun, non-prohibited magazine,

prohibited part, or air pistol carbine conversion kit (the **item**) by virtue of that licence must permit a member of the Police to—

(a) inspect the item and the place where it is kept; and

(b) for that purpose, enter at all reasonable times the premises where that place is situated.

(2) A member of the Police who is exercising any power conferred by subclause (1) must—

(a) give at least 7 days' notice of the proposed inspection under subclause (1); and

(b) identify themselves to the person in possession of the item; and

(c) tell the person in possession of the item that the power is being exercised under subclause (1); and

(d) if they are not in uniform, produce on initial entry, and, if requested, at any subsequent time, evidence that they are a member of the Police.

Regulation 9B: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 12 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

9C Condition of dealer's licence: transport of certain arms items or ammunition

A dealer's licence is issued subject to the condition that any arms item or ammunition that is in the possession of a dealer must, at all times, remain at the dealer's place of business unless—

(a) the arms item or ammunition is being delivered to the address of a person who holds a firearms licence and is lawfully entitled to possess the item or ammunition; or

(b) the dealer is authorised by the conditions of their dealer's licence to transport the arms item or ammunition to another place of business (for example, to another place of business of the dealer, a gun show, or to the place of business of an approved gunsmith); or

(c) the dealer is otherwise authorised in writing by a member of the Police to transport the arms item or ammunition to another place.

Regulation 9C: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 12 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

9D Condition of dealer's licence: testing of certain arms items

A dealer's licence is issued subject to the condition that the licensed dealer may, in the course of carrying on a dealer activity in respect of which their licence has been issued for any class of arms item, fire a prohibited firearm, pistol, or restricted weapon only if the firing of the prohibited firearm, pistol, or restricted weapon—

(a) is necessary for the purpose of testing—

(i) the prohibited firearm, pistol, or restricted weapon; or

(ii) any part of the prohibited firearm, pistol, or restricted weapon; or

(iii) ammunition for the prohibited firearm, pistol, or restricted weapon; and

(b) is undertaken at a shooting range certified by the Commissioner subject to any conditions prescribed by the Commissioner.

Regulation 9D: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 12 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 9D: amended, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 12 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

9E Conditions of dealer's licence: specific conditions prescribed by Commissioner

(1) The Commissioner may prescribe conditions on a dealer's licence according to the type of dealer activity that the licence authorises the dealer to carry on.

(2) For a dealer's licence that authorises the dealer to carry on the dealer activity described in section 5(1)(a) of the Act, the conditions that the Commissioner may prescribe include conditions relating to—

(a) carrying on that activity at places additional to the place of business specified in the dealer's licence:

(b) transporting arms items to approved shooting ranges for test firing or demonstration:

(c) using arms items at approved shooting ranges:

(d) supplying and using firearms for theatrical productions, which may relate to—

(i) permitted theatrical activities:

(ii) approval of additional places of business that are film sets or performance locations:

(iii) on-site theatrical armourers:

(e) transporting firearms to hunting areas:

(f) the types and numbers of arms items supplied to clients:

(g) delivering arms items to purchasers.

(3) For a dealer's licence that authorises the dealer to carry on the dealer activity described in section 5(1)(b) of the Act, the conditions that the Commissioner may prescribe include conditions relating to—

(a) the locations at which the business may be carried on:

(b) the locations at which auctions may take place:

(c) displaying arms items:

(d) transporting arms items:

(e) delivering arms items to purchasers.

(4) For a dealer's licence that authorises the dealer to carry on the dealer activity described in section 5(1)(c) of the Act, the conditions that the Commissioner may prescribe include conditions relating to—

(a) the types of arms items approved for repair or modification:

(b) marking arms items:

(c) modifying firearms:

(d) modifying magazines:

(e) testing arms items:

(f) transporting arms items:

(g) delivering arms items to customers:

(h) notifications to Police.

(5) For a dealer's licence that authorises the dealer to carry on the dealer activity described in section 5(1)(d) of the Act, the conditions that the Commissioner may prescribe include conditions relating to—

(a) the security of arms items and ammunition:

(b) displaying arms items and ammunition:

(c) lending and disposing of arms items and ammunition:

(d) transporting arms items.

(6) For a dealer's licence that authorises the dealer to carry on the dealer activity described in section 5(1)(e) of the Act, the conditions that the Commissioner may prescribe include conditions relating to—

(a) the types of arms items approved for manufacture:

(b) marking arms items:

(c) modifying firearms:

(d) modifying magazines:

(e) testing arms items:

(f) transporting arms items:

(g) notifications to Police.

(7) This regulation does not limit regulation 28D(a).

Regulation 9E: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 12 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

9F Amendment of dealer's licence

(1) A commissioned officer of Police may, at any time on the application of a licensed dealer, amend the dealer's licence to change—

(a) the dealer activities that the dealer may carry on; or

(b) the arms items in relation to which the dealer may carry on dealer activities; or

(c) the place or places of business that the dealer is authorised to operate from.

(2) A commissioned officer may amend a dealer's licence under subclause (1) only if, having regard to the proposed amendments, the officer is satisfied—

(a) of the matters in section 5B(1)(b) of the Act; and

(b) that the dealer has been granted the necessary endorsements under sections 30 and 30B of the Act.

Regulation 9F: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 12 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Ammunition sellers

Heading: replaced, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 13 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

9G Persons must notify intention to become ammunition seller

(1) A person who intends to be an ammunition seller must notify the Police of that intention,—

(a) if they hold a firearms licence, at the time they intend to start selling ammunition:

(b) in any other case, at the time they apply for a firearms licence.

(2) The notification must be in a form prescribed by the Commissioner that requires the following information:

(a) the person's full name:

(b) the person's firearms licence number (unless the person is, at the same time as giving the notification, applying for a firearms licence):

(c) the address of the person's place of business:

(d) the types of ammunition the person intends to sell:

(e) the person's arrangements to securely store the ammunition:

(f) the name of each of the person's employees who will be handling the ammunition in their capacity as an employee and either the number of their firearms licence or their date of birth (for employees who do not hold a firearms licence):

(g) the arrangements that will be in place to ensure that any employee of the person who does not hold a firearms licence will possess ammunition only while performing their duties at their place of work under the supervision of another person who is the holder of a firearms licence:

(h) any other relevant information that the Commissioner requires.

Regulation 9G: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 12 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

9H Secure storage of ammunition

(1) An ammunition seller must store ammunition in accordance with this regulation.

(2) If the ammunition is not on display on the seller's premises, the ammunition must be stored—

(a) in an area not accessible to the public; and

(b) in a locked steel box, steel cabinet, or steel safe, that is secured to the building, or in a steel and concrete strongroom or stout storeroom.

(3) If the ammunition is on display on the seller's premises—

(a) in an area that is accessible to the public, the ammunition must be stored in a locked cabinet, locked container, or locked display case that must be soundly constructed and fixed to the building to prevent its removal:

(b) in a locked display case outside opening times, the premises must be secured against public access.

Regulation 9H: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 12 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

9I Record kept by ammunition sellers

(1) In their book that records the details required by section 22E of the Act, an ammunition seller must also record—

(a) the quantity and type of ammunition the seller receives in the course of their business, and the date on which it is received; and

(b) the name and address of the supplier (which must include the overseas supplier, if the ammunition is imported); and

(c) the number of the supplier's firearms licence, if the supplier is in New Zealand; and

(d) the date on which the seller delivers ammunition sold by the seller.

(2) The relevant records in the ammunition seller's book must be made available to the Police in the form and manner, and as frequently as, prescribed by the Commissioner.

Regulation 9I: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 12 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 9I(2): inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 8 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Prohibited ammunition

Heading: inserted, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 14 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

9J Certain persons may possess prohibited ammunition

(1) The following persons may possess prohibited ammunition that is manufactured for small arms:

(a) a director or curator of a bona fide museum:

(b) a bona fide collector of ammunition.

(2) A researcher may possess prohibited ammunition if the researcher is—

(a) employed or contracted by—

(i) the New Zealand Defence Force; or

(ii) the New Zealand Institute for Public Health and Forensic Science Limited; and

(b) researching the chemical makeup of certain types of prohibited ammunition.

(3) A person to whom subclause (1) or (2) applies and who possesses prohibited ammunition must, as soon as is reasonably practicable, notify a member of the Police of any prohibited ammunition that the person—

(a) possesses as at the commencement of the Arms (Prohibited Ammunition) Order 2019 (the **Order**); and

(b) takes possession of after the commencement of the Order; and

(c) disposes of after the commencement of the Order.

(4) If a person required to notify a member of the Police under subclause (3) does not wish to dispose of the ammunition,—

(a) the person must apply to the Police for approval to continue to possess the ammunition as a bona fide collector of ammunition, director or curator of a bona fide museum, or researcher for the New Zealand Defence Force or the New Zealand Institute for Public Health and Forensic Science Limited; and

(b) when applying for approval, the person must hold a firearms licence and be able to demonstrate that they can securely store the prohibited ammunition in a manner approved by a member of the Police; and

(c) the person must not use the ammunition, unless authorised by an approval issued on an application under paragraph (a).

(5) In this regulation, **small arms** means—

(a) a rifle of a calibre up to 20 millimetres:

(b) a pistol of a calibre up to 20 millimetres.

Regulation 9J: inserted, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 14 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Regulation 9J(2): editorial changes made by the PCO, on 4 August 2025, under sections 86(1) and 87(c) and (l)(iii) of the Legislation Act 2019 (2019 No 58).

Regulation 9J(4): editorial changes made by the PCO, on 4 August 2025, under sections 86(1) and 87(c) and (l)(iii) of the Legislation Act 2019 (2019 No 58).

Part 3
Importation of firearms, etc

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Importation of firearms, etc

[Revoked]

Heading: revoked, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 15 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

10 Application for permit to import firearms, etc

(1) This regulation applies to the following items:

(a) a firearm (other than a prohibited firearm), pistol, restricted airgun, restricted weapon, blank-firing gun, or magazine:

(b) any part of a firearm (other than a prohibited firearm), pistol, restricted weapon, or blank-firing gun:

(c) non-prohibited ammunition (other than projectiles for airguns):

(d) a pistol carbine conversion kit:

(e) an air pistol carbine conversion kit:

(f) a prohibited item:

(g) prohibited ammunition that is authorised or permitted expressly by or pursuant to this Act to be possessed.

(2) An application for a permit to bring the item, or cause it to be brought, into New Zealand must be made—

(a) in hard copy form; or

(b) electronically through an Internet site.

(3) An application in writing in hard copy form must be—

(a) signed by the applicant; and

(b) delivered to an address indicated in the application form.

(4) The application must state—

(a) the full name of the applicant; and

(b) the address and occupation of the applicant; and

(c) a description of the arms item, blank-firing gun, pistol carbine conversion kit, air pistol carbine conversion kit, or ammunition that is to be imported and—

(i) if the item is a firearm, pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, air pistol carbine conversion kit, restricted airgun, restricted weapon, or blank-firing gun, the make, model, action type, calibre, identification marking (if known at time of application), and, in the case

of a firearm with a non-detachable magazine, magazine capacity; and

(ii) if the item is a magazine, the type and capacity, and, in the case of a prohibited magazine (whether detachable or non-detachable), its identification marking; and

(iii) if the item is a major firearm part, the make, model, and (if known at the time of application) identification marking; and

(iv) if the item is ammunition, the type; and

(d) in relation to each item described,—

(i) its country of origin; and

(ii) the quantity to be imported; and

(iii) the name of the manufacturer; and

(iv) the place at which the item is expected to land in New Zealand; and

(e) if the application is for a permit to import a prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, prohibited part, pistol, restricted airgun, restricted weapon, or part of a pistol or restricted weapon, or prohibited ammunition, the special reasons why that item should be allowed into New Zealand; and

(f) if the application is for a permit to import a non-prohibited firearm, non-prohibited magazine, or non-prohibited part, the reason why the applicant wants to import the item; and

(g) the number of the applicant's firearms licence (except if the application relates to an import of a blank-firing gun, or an import of an air pistol carbine conversion kit or airgun by a person of or over the age of 18 years); and

(h) any other relevant information that the Commissioner reasonably requires.

(5) In this regulation,—

major firearm part has the meaning given to it in regulation 2 and also includes—

(a) the frame of a blank-firing pistol; and

(b) the action or receiver of a blank-firing gun

New Zealand has the same meaning as in section 16(2) of the Act.

Regulation 10: replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 14 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 10(4)(c)(i): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 9 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 10(4)(c)(ii): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 9 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 10(4)(c)(iii): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 9 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

11 Place of application

[Revoked]

Regulation 11: revoked, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 12 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

12 Identification markings

(1) A person who imports into New Zealand a firearm, pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, restricted airgun, blank-firing gun, restricted weapon, or major firearm part that does not bear an identification marking must stamp or engrave, or cause to be stamped or engraved, in clear view on the frame or receiver, or upper and lower receiver, of that item, within 30 days after the day on which it is imported, a marking by which that item may be identified.

(2) A person who manufactures a firearm, pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, restricted airgun, blank-firing gun, restricted weapon, or major firearm part must stamp, cast, or engrave an identification marking on it at the time of its manufacture.

(3) A person who imports into New Zealand a prohibited magazine that does not bear an identification marking must, within 30 days after the day on which it is imported, stamp or engrave, or cause to be stamped or engraved, in clear view on that magazine, a marking by which the magazine may be identified.

(4) A dealer who receives a firearm, pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, restricted airgun, blank-firing gun, restricted weapon, or major firearm part that does not bear an identification marking must, within 30 days after the day on which it is received, stamp or engrave or cause to be stamped or engraved in clear view (which must be on the frame or receiver, or upper receiver and lower receiver, of the item if it is a firearm, restricted airgun, pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, or restricted weapon) a marking by which the item may be identified.

(5) Subclauses (1), (2), (4), and (5A) do not apply to—

(a) a firearm, pistol, prohibited firearm, or restricted weapon that is an antique firearm; or

(b) a major firearm part that is an integrated part of a firearm and the firearm has an identification marking; or

(c) a restricted airgun designed for use in airsoft or paintball sports.

(5A) From the commencement of this subclause, all arms items possessed by firearms licence holders (other than those already marked in accordance with subclauses (1) to (4)) must have identification markings in accordance with the relevant guidance notice (if any) issued by the Commissioner under section 87 of the Act.

(5B) In subclause (5A), **arms items** does not include any firearm specified or described in or under section 22(1) of the Act that a person may possess without holding a firearms licence.

(6) A person who contravenes any of subclauses (1) to (4) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding $400.

(7) A person who, without reasonable excuse, contravenes subclause (5A) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding $400.

Regulation 12: replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 15 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 12 heading: amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 10(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 12(1): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 10(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 12(2): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 10(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 12(2): amended, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 16(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Regulation 12(3): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 10(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 12(4): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 10(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 12(4): amended, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 16(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Regulation 12(5): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 10(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 12(5): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 10(3) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 12(5A): inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 10(4) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 12(5B): inserted, on 28 July 2023, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2023 (SL 2023/181).

Regulation 12(6): amended, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 16(3) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Regulation 12(7): inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 10(5) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

12A Power to grant exemptions in respect of identification markings

(1) A commissioned officer of Police may, by writing, exempt a dealer or firearms licence holder from compliance with any of the requirements set out in regulation 12 if the officer is satisfied that, in the circumstances, alternative means of uniquely identifying an arms item can be implemented, including (but not limited to) stamping or engraving the identification marking on a non-visible area of the frame, receiver, upper receiver, or lower receiver or by causing a tag with the identification marking to be firmly attached to the arms item.

(2) An exemption under subclause (1) may at any time in the same way be revoked by a commissioned officer of Police.

(3) An exemption under subclause (1) may be limited as specified in it.

Regulation 12A: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 16 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 12A heading: amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 11(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 12A(1): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 11(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 12A(1): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 11(3) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

13 Notification of importation

(1) This regulation applies to a person who imports one of the following items into New Zealand under a permit issued for the purposes of section 16(1) of the Act:

(a) a firearm, pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, air pistol carbine conversion kit, restricted airgun, blank-firing gun, restricted weapon, or magazine, or ammunition; or

(b) a part of a firearm, pistol, blank-firing gun, or restricted weapon.

(1A) Every person to whom this regulation applies must, within 30 days after the date on which the item is imported, notify the Police of the matters specified in subclause (2) by—

(a) delivering a notice in writing in hard copy form approved by the Commissioner to the Police Station from which the permit was issued if the application for the permit to import the item was made in writing in hard copy form; or

(b) lodging a notice electronically through an Internet site if the application for the permit to import the item was made electronically through an Internet site; or

(c) providing the information in a manner or form approved by the Commissioner for the purposes of the registry.

(2) The matters that must be notified are—

(a) the full name of the applicant; and

(b) the address and occupation of the applicant; and

(c) the quantity imported; and

(d) the description and country of origin of the item imported, including the identification marking of the item; and

(e) the name of the manufacturer of the firearm, pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, air pistol carbine conversion kit, restricted airgun, blank-firing gun, restricted weapon, magazine, prohibited part, or ammunition; and

(f) the place at which the firearm, pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, air pistol carbine conversion kit, restricted airgun, blank-firing gun, restricted weapon, magazine, prohibited part, or ammunition was landed in New Zealand; and

(g) the date of importation; and

(h) the date on which and the place at which the permit under section 16(1) of the Act was issued.

(3) Every person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding $400 who contravenes this regulation.

Regulation 13(1): replaced, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 13(1) of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 13(1)(a): replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 17(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 13(1)(b): replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 17(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 13(1A): inserted, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 13(1) of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 13(1A)(a): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 17(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 13(1A)(c): inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 12(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 13(1A)(a): amended, on 25 June 2020, by section 109 of the Arms Legislation Act 2020 (2020 No 23).

Regulation 13(2): amended, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 13(2) of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 13(2)(d): replaced, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 13(3) of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 13(2)(d): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 12(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 13(2)(d): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 17(3) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 13(2)(e): replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 17(4) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 13(2)(f): replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 17(4) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 13(3): amended, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 13(4) of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 13(3): amended, on 1 July 2013, by section 413 of the Criminal Procedure Act 2011 (2011 No 81).

Part 4
Firearms licences, endorsements, and permits to possess

Part 4 heading: inserted, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 17 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Firearms licences

14 Applicant for firearms licence must undergo course of training and pass tests

Every applicant for a firearms licence shall, unless a commissioned officer of Police otherwise directs,—

(a) undergo a course of training which is conducted by a member of the Police or a person approved for the purpose by a member of the Police and which is designed to teach the applicant to handle firearms safely; and

(b) pass such tests as may be required to determine the applicant's ability to handle firearms safely (being tests conducted by a member of the Police or a person approved for the purpose by a member of the Police).

Regulation 14 heading: amended, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 14(1) of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 14(b): amended, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 14(2) of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

15 Particulars required for application for firearms licence

(1) Every application for a firearms licence must state—

(a) the applicant's full name; and

(b) the applicant's date of birth; and

(c) the applicant's place of birth; and

(d) the applicant's address and occupation (or the educational body they are attending); and

(e) where the applicant works (or attends an educational body); and

(f) the name, address, and contact details of the following person, of whom inquiries can be made about whether the applicant is a fit and proper person to be in possession of a firearm:

(i) the applicant's spouse or partner; or

(ii) in the absence of a spouse or partner, a near relative of the applicant who knows the applicant well (even if the relative resides overseas); and

(g) if the applicant is 16 or 17 years old, details of all their parents and legal guardians; and

(h) in the absence of a spouse, partner, or near relative who knows the applicant well, the name, address, and contact details of a close associate who knows them well; and

(i) the name, address, and contact details of any ex-spouse or ex-civil union or de facto partner who was the applicant's spouse or civil union or de facto partner at any time during the 5 years immediately preceding the application, of whom inquiries can be made about whether the applicant is a fit and proper person to be in possession of a firearm; and

(j) the name, address, and contact details of a person (other than a person described in paragraph (f), (g), (h), or (i)) who knows the applicant well and resides in New Zealand, of whom inquiries can be made about whether the applicant is a fit and proper person to be in possession of a firearm; and

(k) if the applicant's spouse, partner, near relative, or close associate is overseas, the name, address, and contact details of a further person, who resides in New Zealand and knows the applicant well, of whom inquiries can be made about whether the applicant is a fit and proper person to be in possession of a firearm; and

(l) a list of countries in which the applicant has stayed for a period of 14 days or more at any one time over the previous 5 years, and the total time stayed in each of those countries; and

(m) whether the applicant has been convicted of any offence in New Zealand or any other country; and

(n) whether the applicant has previously applied for a firearms licence in New Zealand or any other country and has been refused, or the applicant's licence in New Zealand or any other country has been revoked; and

(o) any other relevant information that the Commissioner reasonably requires.

(2) Every application for a firearms licence must be accompanied by a criminal record check of the applicant for each country (other than New Zealand) in which they have stayed for over 6 months (not necessarily consecutively) in the previous 10 years (obtained at the applicant's own cost).

Regulation 15: replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 18 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

15A Fit and proper person criteria for firearm or airgun

For the purposes of section 24A(1)(n) of the Act, a member of the Police may find a person is not a fit and proper person to be in possession of a firearm or an airgun if the member of the Police is satisfied—

(a) that—

(i) the applicant spent time outside New Zealand in the previous 10 years; and

(ii) the Police sought information about that period to inform a decision as to whether the applicant is a fit and proper person to possess a firearm or an airgun; but

(iii) the Police have not received the information about that period from the applicant or been able to verify the information about that period provided by the applicant; or

(b) any person named by the applicant in compliance with regulation 15(f), (g), (h), (i), (j), or (k) is unable or unwilling to provide sufficient information to enable the Police to be satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person to possess a firearm or an airgun; or

(c) the Police have not been able to contact or confirm the identity of any person named by the applicant in compliance with regulation 15(f), (g), (h), (i), or (j) who resides overseas, or the person will not agree to an interview.

Regulation 15A: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 19 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

16 Manner of application

(1) An application for a firearms licence must be made—

(a) in writing in hard copy form; or

(b) electronically through an Internet site.

(2) An application in writing in hard copy form must be—

(a) signed by the applicant; and

(b) delivered to—

(i) the Police Station nearest to the applicant's place of employment; or

(ii) the Police Station nearest to the applicant's place of residence.

Regulation 16: replaced, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 16 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 16(2)(b)(i): amended, on 25 June 2020, by section 109 of the Arms Legislation Act 2020 (2020 No 23).

Regulation 16(2)(b)(ii): amended, on 25 June 2020, by section 109 of the Arms Legislation Act 2020 (2020 No 23).

17 Form of firearms licence

[Revoked]

Regulation 17: revoked, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 17 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

18 Action on death of licensee

(1) Where the holder of a firearms licence in respect of a pistol, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon dies, the personal representative of the holder of the firearms licence or any other person who obtains possession of the pistol, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon, shall forthwith notify the Police of—

(a) the death; and

(b) the location of the pistol, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon.

(2) *See also* regulation 43 for the duty of executors, administrators, and holders of powers of attorney in relation to the property of incapacitated persons to provide information for the registry.

Regulation 18(1): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 18(1)(b): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 18(2): inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 13 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

19 Conditions relating to security precautions

(1) Every firearms licence is subject to the following conditions:

(a) the holder must not put a firearm in a place where a young child has ready access to it:

(b) the holder must take reasonable steps to ensure that any firearm in their possession is stored separately from any ammunition for the firearm so that a person who obtains access to the firearm cannot obtain access to the ammunition:

(c) the holder must take reasonable steps to ensure that any firearm in their possession is secured against theft:

(d) the holder must keep any firearm in their possession that is a flare pistol, humane killer, or stock marking pistol in a locked container except when they are using it or it is under their immediate and personal supervision.

(2) The reasonable steps required by subclause (1)(c) are—

(a) keeping on the holder's premises—

(i) a lockable cabinet, container, or receptacle of stout construction in which firearms may be stored; or

(ii) a lockable steel and concrete strongroom in which firearms may be stored; or

(iii) a lockable display cabinet or rack in which firearms are immobilised so that none of them may be fired; and

(b) securely fixing to the premises all locked cabinets, containers, racks, and receptacles in which firearms are stored; and

(c) keeping locked in, or immobilised and locked in, the cabinet, container, receptacle, strongroom, display cabinet, or rack required by paragraph (a) every firearm that is on the holder's premises and that is not under the immediate and personal supervision of the holder or some other holder of a firearms licence; and

(d) complying with guidance notices issued by the Commissioner under section 87(1)(b) of the Act (if any) that relate to the secure storage of firearms by licence holders.

(3) The steps taken under subclause (2) must be approved by a member of the Police following an inspection carried out—

(a) at the time the holder's firearms licence is issued (or renewed); or

(b) during an inspection under section 24B of the Act that includes an inspection of the holder's steel and concrete strongrooms, storage boxes, cabinets, safes, racks, and similar items, and of the manner in which they are locked and secured on and to the premises.

(4) In addition to the condition in subclause (1)(b) relating to ammunition, ammunition must be stored—

(a) in its own secure storage container (such as a cash box or an ammunition box that is in secure storage or in a stout locked cupboard) that has—

(i) a locking mechanism that has a key or combination number that is different from the key or combination number for the person's container for firearms; or

(ii) a padlock that has a key or combination number that is different from the key or combination number for the person's container for firearms; or

(b) in a lock box in a gun safe cabinet that has a different key from the key for the gun safe cabinet, and the key for the gun safe cabinet must be stored in a different place from the other key; or

(c) if the ammunition is bulky and difficult to store in a container, in a locked room or storage area on the licence holder's premises that—

(i) is of sufficiently robust construction to prevent the theft of the ammunition; and

(ii) has been inspected and approved by a member of the Police.

(5) Guidance issued by the Commissioner (other than a guidance notice under section 87(1)(b) of the Act) for the purpose of assisting people to comply with subclause (2)(a), (b), or (c) may be used for the purpose of establishing compliance with that provision if the guidance is—

(a) issued after consultation with persons or organisations, or representatives of organisations, that appear to the Commissioner to be affected or likely to be affected by that guidance; and

(b) publicly available free of charge on an Internet site maintained by or on behalf of the Commissioner.

Regulation 19: replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 20 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 19(2)(c): amended, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 18 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

19A Conditions relating to storage of firearms and ammunition in mobile homes

(1) A firearms licence holder may only store their firearms and ammunition in a mobile home, campervan, or caravan unit while that vehicle or unit is being used as the person's temporary or permanent home.

(2) The conditions set out in regulation 19(2) and (3) apply with the necessary modifications to firearms and ammunition stored in mobile homes, campervans, and caravan units.

(3) The storage of firearms and ammunition in a mobile home, campervan, or caravan unit must be inspected and approved by a member of the Police.

Regulation 19A: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 21 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

19B Conditions relating to storage of firearms in vehicles during transportation

(1) Unless otherwise permitted by a member of the Police, if a firearms licence holder is transporting firearms or ammunition in a vehicle on a road or public access way,—

(a) firearms must be concealed from view from outside of the vehicle; and

(b) firearms must be made inoperable if readily possible by removing the bolt or another vital part (which should be kept on the licence holder's person or stored out of sight separately from the firearms) or, if that is not possible (for example, because the firearm is a lever action or semi-automatic or single shot firearm), firearms must be fitted with a trigger lock or travel in a locked case or carry bag; and

(c) firearms must not be loaded with ammunition in the breech, barrel, chamber, or magazine; and

(d) ammunition must be concealed from view from outside of the vehicle; and

(e) ammunition must be stored separately from any firearms and be in a locked glovebox or similar storage area where practicable.

(2) Subclause (1) does not apply to a firearms licence holder if—

(a) the holder is using a vehicle on a farm and undertaking farm-related activities, or is actively engaged in legally authorised hunting or wild animal or animal pest control on farmland, public land, or land used for an agricultural, a horticultural, or a silviculture business on which they are permitted to use firearms; and

(b) the licence holder is in the vehicle with the firearms or in the immediate vicinity of the vehicle in which the firearms are located.

(3) Any firearms or ammunition may be left unattended in a vehicle during a break in a journey for up to 60 minutes if—

(a) the licence holder remains in the immediate area or vicinity of the vehicle; and

(b) the firearms or ammunition are secured and out of sight; and

(c) if possible, vital parts of firearms remain in the licence holder's possession; and

(d) the vehicle is locked, the windows are closed, and the keys remain in the holder's possession.

(4) If the vehicle is to be left unattended for more than 60 minutes, any firearms and ammunition must be removed from the vehicle to a more secure location or under the licence holder's direct possession and control, unless the vehicle is a mobile home, campervan, or caravan unit with secure storage in accordance with regulation 19A.

(5) If the vehicle is travelling on a passenger ferry in accordance with the conditions of carriage,—

(a) the vehicle may be left unattended for the duration of the journey, if drivers and passengers are required to leave the vehicle decks; and

(b) the vehicle must be locked, the windows must be closed, and the keys must not be left in the vehicle.

(6) A motorcyclist carrying a firearm must—

(a) render the firearm incapable of operation by removing the bolt or other vital part and keeping the bolt or vital part on their person, or by affixing a trigger lock; and

(b) contain the firearm and anything removed from it within a locked case or carry bag.

(7) In this regulation **road** and **vehicle** have the same meanings as in section 2(1) of the Land Transport Act 1998.

Regulation 19B: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 21 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 19B(2)(a): amended, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 19 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

19C Conditions relating to carriage of firearms on public transport

(1) Any firearms carried on public transport (where not excluded by the conditions of carriage) or in public places must be unloaded, rendered inoperable by removing the bolt or affixing a trigger lock, carried in a locked carrying case or bag, and remain with the holder at all times.

(2) The requirement in subclause (1) relating to public places does not apply to a firearms licence holder—

(a) undertaking legally authorised wild animal or animal pest control services on public land; or

(b) undertaking legally authorised hunting or shooting activities on public land or on a shooting range that occupies any publicly-owned land.

(3) If firearms are carried in a vehicle travelling on a passenger ferry, regulation 19B(5) must be complied with.

Regulation 19C: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 21 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Exemption from general restriction on possession of firearms

20 Exemption from section 20

Nothing in section 20 of the Act makes it an offence for any person to be in possession of a firearm of the kind known as—

(a) a dog training dummy launcher:

(b) an improvised explosive device disrupter.

Endorsements in respect of pistols, prohibited firearms, prohibited magazines, and restricted weapons

Heading: replaced, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 18 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Heading: amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

20A Manner of applying for endorsement in respect of pistol or restricted weapon

An application for an endorsement in respect of a pistol or restricted weapon under section 29 of the Act must be made—

(a) in writing in hard copy form; or

(b) electronically through an Internet site.

Regulation 20A: inserted, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 19 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

20B Manner of applying for endorsement in respect of prohibited firearm or prohibited magazine

An application for an endorsement in respect of a prohibited firearm or prohibited magazine under section 30A of the Act must be made—

(a) in writing in hard copy form; or

(b) electronically through an Internet site.

Regulation 20B: inserted, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 19 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 20B heading: amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 20B: amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 22 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 20B: amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

21 Application by visitor to New Zealand for endorsement in respect of pistol

(1) For the purposes of section 29 of the Act, a visitor to New Zealand who wishes to use a pistol for competitive shooting on a pistol range in New Zealand is a class of person who may be permitted to obtain an endorsement permitting that person to have possession of a pistol in that person's capacity as such a visitor.

(2) The class of person specified in subclause (1) is in addition to the classes of persons specified in paragraphs (a) to (f) of section 29(2) of the Act.

21A Condition of endorsements for employees of licensed dealers

(1) An endorsement made under section 30 or 30B of the Act authorising an employee of a licensed dealer to possess a pistol, restricted weapon, prohibited firearm, or prohibited magazine in connection with their duties as an employee of a licensed dealer is issued subject to the condition in subclause (2).

(2) The condition is that the employee must notify a member of the Police when the employee resigns from, or otherwise leaves, the employment of the licensed dealer.

Regulation 21A: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 23 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 21A(1): amended, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 20 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Conditions of endorsements in respect of pistols and restricted weapons

[Revoked]

Heading: revoked, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 20 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

22 Conditions of endorsements in respect of pistols and restricted weapons

(1) An endorsement made under section 30 of the Act on a person's firearms licence that permits the person to possess a pistol in the capacity specified in section 29(2)(a) of the Act is subject to the following conditions:

(a) the person uses the pistol only for target pistol shooting on a pistol range that has been certified under section 38V of the Act; and

(b) on at least 12 days in each year ending on 30 June the person actively participates in—

(i) scheduled pistol shooting activities that are organised by a pistol shooting club; or

(ii) international pistol shooting events; and

(c) the person notifies the Police within 28 days if any of the following events occur:

(i) the person becomes a member of another pistol shooting club:

(ii) the person's membership application to another pistol shooting club is declined:

(iii) the person ceases to be a member of any pistol shooting club for any reason (for example, the person resigns, has their membership terminated by the club, or has not renewed their club membership within 28 days after the end of the membership year).

(2) Where an endorsement made under section 30 of the Act permits a person to have possession of a pistol or a restricted weapon in his or her capacity as—

(a) a bona fide collector of firearms; or

(b) a person to whom the pistol or restricted weapon has special significance as an heirloom or memento; or

(c) the Director or Curator of a bona fide museum; or

(d) an approved employee or approved member of any body, being—

(i) a broadcaster within the meaning of the Broadcasting Act 1989; or

(ii) any bona fide theatre company or society or cinematic or television film production company or video recording production company,—

that endorsement shall be subject to the condition that that person shall not under any circumstances use live ammunition in the pistol or restricted weapon.

(3) The conditions imposed by subclauses (1) and (2) are in addition to any other conditions imposed by or under the Act or these regulations.

Regulation 22(1): replaced, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 21 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Regulation 22(1)(a): amended, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 4(1) of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Regulation 22(1)(b): replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 4(2) of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

22A Endorsement for theatrical armourer

(1) If a firearms licence holder holds an endorsement under section 30(1)(c) or 30B(3) of the Act, the endorsement is subject to either or both of the conditions in subclauses (2) and (3) (as specified by the Police in the particular case).

(2) The endorsement holder may act as an on-site theatrical armourer or assistant to a theatrical armourer, and supervise the use of any firearms, prohibited items, and restricted weapons (for which they have an endorsement) for the purposes of making a broadcast or a theatrical, cinematic, television film, or video production if a dealer has hired out those items in accordance with section 5C of the Act.

(3) The licence holder may, as an approved employee or approved member of a broadcaster or a bona fide theatre company or society, or a cinematic or television film production company, or a video recording production company, possess pistols, restricted weapons, and prohibited items and use those items in commemorative or historical re-enactment events, but (unless permitted by subclause (2)) must not act as an on-site armourer for the purposes of section 5C(2) or 7(4) of the Act.

Regulation 22A: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 24 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Endorsements in respect of pistols, military style semi-automatic firearms, and restricted weapons

[Revoked]

Heading: revoked, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 21 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

23 Forms of endorsement

[Revoked]

Regulation 23: revoked, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 21 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Permits to possess pistols, pistol carbine conversion kits, prohibited firearms, prohibited magazines, and restricted weapons

Heading: replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 25 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

23A Manner of applying for permit to possess

(1) Every application for a permit to possess an item that is a pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon must be made—

(a) in writing in hard copy form; or

(b) electronically through an Internet site.

(1A) If the purpose of the application for a permit to possess is to make an endorsement made under section 30(2)(b) or 30B(5)(b) of the Act specific in relation to an item that the applicant is acquiring from another person,—

(a) regulations 24, 25, 26, and 27(2) and (4) apply to an application that is made in writing in hard copy form:

(b) regulations 24, 26A, and 27(2) and (4) apply to an application that is made electronically through an Internet site.

(1B) If the purpose of the application for a permit to possess is to make an endorsement made under section 30(2)(b) or 30B(5)(b) of the Act specific in relation to an item that the applicant already possesses under a different endorsement or in reliance on clause 5 of Schedule 1 of the Act,—

(a) regulations 24, 25, 26B, and 27(3) and (4) apply to an application that is made in writing in hard copy form:

(b) regulations 24, 26C, and 27(3) and (4) apply to an application that is made electronically through an Internet site.

(1C) *[Revoked]*

(2) An application for a permit to possess an item described in subclause (1A)(b) may be made electronically through an Internet site only if—

(a) the person intending to apply for the permit through the Internet site has—

(i) provided the information specified in regulation 24(1) to the Police through the Internet site; and

(ii) received an application number; and

(iii) provided that application number to the person intending to hand over possession of the item; and

(b) after receiving the application number, the person intending to hand over possession of the item has agreed to complete the transaction through the Internet site by doing the following through that site:

(i) checking the information that the person intending to take possession of the item has provided under regulation 24(1)(d) to (g) and confirming that it is correct; and

(ii) providing a description of the item, including the make, model, calibre, and identification marking (if it has one at that time) of the item; and

(iii) confirming that they agree to provide through the Internet site the date of transfer of the item and the identification marking of the item transferred (if that marking has not already been provided under subparagraph (ii)) not later than 7 days after the date of the transfer.

Regulation 23A: inserted, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 22 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 23A heading: replaced, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 23A(1): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 26(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 23A(1): amended, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 7(1) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 23A(1): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 23A(1A): inserted, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 7(2) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 23A(1B): inserted, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 7(2) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 23A(1C): revoked, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 4 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

Regulation 23A(2): amended, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 7(3) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 23A(2): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 23A(2)(a)(i): amended, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 7(4) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 23A(2)(b)(ii): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 14 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 23A(2)(b)(ii): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 26(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 23A(2)(b)(iii): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 14 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 23A(2)(b)(iii): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 26(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

24 Application for permit to possess pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon

(1) Every application for a permit to possess a pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon shall state—

(a) the full name of the applicant; and

(b) the address of the applicant; and

(c) the number of the applicant's firearms licence; and

(d) the general description of the pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon; and

(e) the location of the pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon; and

(f) the full name of the owner of the pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon; and

(g) the number of the owner's firearms licence; and

(h) the capacity referred to in section 4A(1) or 29(2) of the Act in respect of which the applicant's firearms licence bears an endorsement (made under section 30 or 30B of the Act); and

(i) the capacity referred to in section 4A(1) or 29(2) of the Act in respect of which the applicant applies to possess the pistol, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon.

(1A) In the case of an application for a permit to possess a prohibited firearm or prohibited magazine, the applicant must also provide evidence to satisfy the member of the Police considering the application that it is appropriate for the applicant to possess the prohibited firearm or prohibited magazine in the capacity stated under subclause (1)(i) in relation to section 4A(1).

(1AA) In the case of an application for a permit to possess a pistol carbine conversion kit, the applicant must provide evidence of the pistol that the pistol carbine conversion kit is to be associated with.

(1B) In the case of an application for a permit to possess a pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon in the circumstances described in regulation 23A(1B), the application must also state the identification number of the pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon (if it has one).

(2) Nothing in subclause (1) or subclause (1B) or in section 35 or section 44 of the Act shall apply in respect of any pistol that is an antique firearm or any restricted weapon that is an antique firearm.

Regulation 24 heading: replaced, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 24 heading: amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 27(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 24(1): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 27(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 24(1): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 24(1)(d): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 27(3) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 24(1)(d): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 24(1)(e): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 27(3) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 24(1)(e): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 24(1)(f): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 27(3) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 24(1)(f): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 24(1)(h): inserted, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 8(1) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 24(1)(i): inserted, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 8(1) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 24(1A): inserted, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 8(2) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 24(1A): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 27(4) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 24(1AA): inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 27(5) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 24(1B): replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 27(6) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 24(2): amended, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 8(3) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

25 Place of delivery of application in hard copy form

An application for a permit to possess a pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon that is in writing in hard copy form must be delivered to a member of the Police.

Regulation 25: replaced, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 9 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 25: amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 28 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

26 Delivery of permit in writing in hard copy form where item acquired from another person

(1) This regulation applies when a person—

(a) applies in writing in hard copy form for a permit to possess a pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon; and

(b) is issued with the permit; and

(c) takes possession of that pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon under the permit from another person.

(1A) The person taking possession of the pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon must deliver the permit to the person handing over possession of that item.

(2) The person handing over possession of the pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon—

(a) shall forthwith write on the permit—

(i) a description of the pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon, including the make, model, calibre, and identification marking; and

(ii) the date of delivery of the pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon; and

(iii) his or her signature; and

(iv) the number of his or her firearms licence; and

(b) shall then return the permit to the person obtaining possession of the pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon.

(3) The person obtaining possession of the pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon must immediately—

(a) return the permit to a member of the Police; and

(b) produce the pistol, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon to a member of the Police for inspection.

Regulation 26 heading: amended, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 10(1) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 26 heading: amended, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 24(1) of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 26(1): replaced, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 24(2) of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 26(1)(a): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 29(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 26(1)(a): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 26(1)(c): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 29(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 26(1)(c): amended, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 10(2) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 26(1)(c): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 26(1A): inserted, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 24(2) of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 26(1A): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 29(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 26(1A): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 26(2): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 29(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 26(2): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 26(2)(a)(i): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 15 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 26(2)(a)(i): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 29(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 26(2)(a)(i): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 29(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 26(2)(a)(i): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 26(2)(a)(ii): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 29(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 26(2)(a)(ii): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 26(2)(b): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 29(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 26(2)(b): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 26(3): replaced, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 10(3) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 26(3): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 29(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

26A Delivery of permit through Internet site where item acquired from another person

(1) This regulation applies when—

(a) the parties to an intended transfer of possession of a pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon have completed the process set out in regulation 23A(2); and

(b) the person intending to take possession of the item is issued with a permit to possess that item and takes possession of it under the permit.

(2) The person handing over possession of the pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon must notify the Police, through the Internet site, of the date of the transfer and the identification marking of the item transferred (if that marking has not already been provided under regulation 23(2)(b)(ii)) not later than 7 days after the date of the transfer.

(3) The person taking possession of the item must—

(a) notify the Police, through the Internet site, of the date on which the person took possession of the item, not later than 7 days after taking possession; and

(b) present it to the Police for inspection.

(4) The item must be presented by displaying it to a member of the Police by means of a video telecommunications (or other) system recognised by the Police, in a manner that enables the member of the Police to determine whether it is the same as the item described in the person's application for a permit to possess and verify the identification marking provided to the Police by the person handing over possession.

(5) However, if the member of the Police is unable to confirm to their satisfaction that the pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon that they are inspecting is the same as the item described, or unable to verify the identification marking to their satisfaction,—

(a) the member of the Police may require the person to present the item for inspection at a specified Police station within 7 days; and

(b) the person obtaining possession must comply with that requirement.

Regulation 26A: inserted, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 25 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 26A heading: amended, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 11(1) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 26A(1)(a): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 30(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 26A(1)(a): amended, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 11(2) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 26A(1)(a): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 26A(1)(b): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 26A(2): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 16 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 26A(2): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 30(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 26A(2): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 30(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 26A(2): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 26A(3)(a): amended, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 11(3) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 26A(4): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 16 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74)

Regulation 26A(4): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 30(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 26A(4): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 26A(5): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 16 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 26A(5): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 30(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 26A(5): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 30(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 26A(5): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 26A(5)(a): amended, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 11(4) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

26B Delivery of permit in writing in hard copy form where item already possessed by applicant

(1) This regulation applies to an applicant who—

(a) applies in writing in hard copy form for a permit to possess an item that is a pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon and that—

(i) is already in the applicant's possession under a different endorsement or in reliance on clause 5 of Schedule 1 of the Act; or

(ii) was possessed by the applicant before 12 April 2019, but after 11 April 2019 and on or before 20 December 2020 was surrendered to a member of the Police; and

(b) is issued with a permit.

(2) The applicant must immediately,—

(a) if no identification marking of the item was stated under regulation 24(1B), write on the permit the identification marking of the item and return the permit to a member of the Police; and

(b) if directed to do so by a member of the Police, present the item to a member of the Police for inspection.

Regulation 26B: inserted, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 12 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 26B(1)(a): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 31(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 26B(1)(a)(ii): replaced, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

Regulation 26B(2)(a): replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 31(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 26B(2)(a): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 17 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

26C Delivery of permit through Internet site where item already possessed by applicant

(1) This regulation applies to an applicant who—

(a) applies electronically, through an Internet site, for a permit to possess an item that is a pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon and that—

(i) is already in the applicant's possession under a different endorsement or in reliance on clause 5 of Schedule 1 of the Act; or

(ii) was possessed by the applicant before 12 April 2019, but after 11 April 2019 and on or before 20 December 2020 was delivered to a member of the Police; and

(b) is issued with a permit.

(2) The applicant must,—

(a) if no identification marking of the item was stated under regulation 24(1B), notify the Police, through the Internet site, of the identification marking of the item, not later than 7 days after the issue of the permit to possess it; and

(b) present the item to a member of the Police for inspection in the manner described in subclause (3).

(3) The item must be presented by displaying it to a member of the Police by means of a video telecommunications (or other) system recognised by the Police, in a manner that enables the member of the Police to—

(a) determine whether it is the same as the item described in the applicant's application for a permit to possess; and

(b) verify the identification marking of the item.

(4) However, if a member of the Police is unable to confirm to their satisfaction that the item that they are inspecting is the same as the item described, or is unable to verify to their satisfaction the identification marking of the item,—

(a) the member of the Police may require the applicant to present, within 7 days, the item for inspection at a specified Police station; and

(b) the applicant must comply with that requirement.

Regulation 26C: inserted, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 12 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 26C(1)(a): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 32(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 26C(1)(a)(ii): replaced, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 6 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

Regulation 26C(2)(a): replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 32(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 26C(2)(a): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 18 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 26C(3)(b): replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 32(3) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 26C(3)(b): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 18 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 26C(4): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 18 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 26C(4): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 32(4) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

27 Identification markings

(1) This regulation applies in respect of an item that is a pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon and that—

(a) is not an antique firearm; and

(b) does not bear an identification marking.

(2) A person who is handing over possession of the item to a person who holds a permit to possess the item must, before handing over the item,—

(a) in the case of an item that is a pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, or restricted weapon, stamp or engrave, or cause to be stamped or engraved, in clear view on the frame of the item, a marking by which it may be identified:

(b) in the case of an item that is a prohibited magazine, stamp or engrave, or cause to be stamped or engraved, in clear view on the item, a marking by which it may be identified.

(3) A person who obtains a permit to possess an item in the circumstances set out in regulation 23A(1B) must, within 7 days of the issue of the permit,—

(a) in the case of an item that is a pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited firearm, or restricted weapon, stamp or engrave, or cause to be stamped or engraved, in clear view on the frame of the item, a marking by which it may be identified:

(b) in the case of an item that is a prohibited magazine, stamp or engrave, or cause to be stamped or engraved, in clear view on the item, a marking by which it may be identified.

(4) A person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding $400 who contravenes subclause (2) or (3).

Regulation 27: replaced, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 13 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 27 heading: amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 19(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

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Regulation 27(1)(b): replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 33(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

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Regulation 27(2)(a): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 19(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 27(2)(a): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 33(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 27(2)(b): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 19(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 27(3): amended, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 22 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Regulation 27(3)(a): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 19(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 27(3)(a): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 33(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 27(3)(b): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 19(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Security precautions

Heading: inserted, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 23 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

28 Security precautions in relation to pistols, prohibited firearms, prohibited magazines, and restricted weapons

(1) Every person who is lawfully entitled to possession of a pistol, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon other than an air pistol by virtue of a firearms licence endorsed under section 30 or 30B of the Act and a permit issued under section 18, 35, or 35A of the Act must ensure that, except when the pistol, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon is in his or her immediate physical possession or is being used, in accordance with section 31 of the Act, for the purpose of making a broadcast or producing or staging a play or filming a cinematic production or television film or is in the custody of a licensed dealer or a member of the Police, it is—

(a) kept in a steel and concrete strongroom of sound construction and of a type approved for the time being in writing either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police; or

(b) kept in a room of stout and secure construction capable of being adequately secured against unlawful entry, being in every case a room which is approved for the purpose by a member of the Police and which meets the following requirements:

(i) the room shall be in structurally sound condition:

(ii) the doors that give access to the room, and their locks, bolts, hinges, and other fastenings shall be in good condition:

(iii) the windows, skylights, or other things intended to cover openings to the room, and their locks, bolts, hinges, and other fastenings shall be in good condition:

(iv) the doors referred to in subparagraph (ii) and the windows, skylights, and other things referred to in subparagraph (iii) shall be capable of being secured against unlawful entry; or

(c) locked in a steel safe or steel box or steel cabinet (being in every case a safe, box, or cabinet of sound construction and of a type approved in writing either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police) bolted or otherwise securely fixed (in a manner approved

in writing either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police) to the building within which the pistol, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon is kept.

(2) Where a pistol, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon is kept in a steel box, steel cabinet, or steel safe in accordance with subclause (1)(c), ammunition for that firearm shall not be kept in that steel box, steel cabinet, or steel safe.

(3) *[Revoked]*

(4) The Commissioner may, by writing, exempt any person from compliance with subclauses (1) and (2) where the Commissioner is satisfied that the precautions being taken by that person are sufficient to prevent unlawful removal of the pistol, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon; and any such exemption may in like manner be revoked.

(5) Every permit under section 18 of the Act and every firearms licence that is endorsed under section 30 or section 30B of the Act shall be deemed to be issued subject to the condition that every person who is lawfully entitled to possession of a pistol, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, or restricted weapon by virtue of that permit or firearms licence (as so endorsed) will observe the provisions of this regulation to the extent that they are applicable to that person.

Regulation 28(1): amended, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 24(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Regulation 28(1): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 28(1)(c): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 28(2): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 28(3): revoked, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 24(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Regulation 28(4): amended, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 24(3) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Regulation 28(4): amended, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 14 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 28(5): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

28AAA Secure storage of vital parts removed from prohibited firearms

(1) This regulation applies in respect of a vital part of a prohibited firearm that,—

(a) in accordance with section 33A(1)(c)(ii)(A) of the Act, is removed by the holder of a firearms licence who is an exempt person described in section 4A(1)(b), (c), or (e) of the Act (the **exempt person**); and

(b) in accordance with section 33A(1)(c)(iii) of the Act, must be kept at a separate address from the prohibited firearm.

(2) To ensure the secure storage of the vital part, a member of the Police may approve a commercial storage facility as a separate address at which the vital part must be kept.

(3) If a member of the Police approves a commercial storage facility as a separate address, the member of the Police must advise the exempt person that the exempt person is liable to meet any costs incurred or arising as a result of the storage of the vital part in that facility.

(4) The Commissioner may require that the endorsement on the exempt person's firearms licence be subject to the condition that the person access the vital part kept at a separate address only with the prior written permission of a member of the Police for the purpose and period specified in that permission.

Regulation 28AAA: inserted, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 15 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 28AAA(1)(a): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 35 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Amnesty scheme for reclassified MSSAs

[Revoked]

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Conditions on licences, endorsements, and permits

Heading: inserted, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 29 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

28D Commissioner may prescribe conditions on licences, etc

The Commissioner may prescribe conditions on—

(a) a dealer's licence:

(b) a firearms licence:

(c) a permit issued under section 18, 18AA, or 18AAB of the Act:

(d) an endorsement made under section 30 or 30B of the Act:

(e) a permit issued under section 35, 35AAA, or 35A of the Act.

Regulation 28D: replaced, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 28D(c): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 37(1) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 28D(e): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 37(2) of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Part 5
Shooting clubs

Part 5: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Transitional and savings provisions relating to Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019

[Revoked]

Heading: revoked, on the close of 31 December 2020, pursuant to section 74C(3)(b) of the Arms Act 1983 (1983 No 44).

28E Interpretation

In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires,—

club member, in relation to a shooting club, means a member of the shooting club

committee, in relation to a pistol shooting club or non-pistol shooting club, means the governing body of the club however described (for example, a board)

contact details, in relation to a person, means that person's—

(a) physical address; and

(b) electronic address (if any); and

(c) telephone number

contact person, in relation to a pistol shooting club or non-pistol shooting club, means a person—

(a) who is—

(i) of or over the age of 18 years; and

(ii) ordinarily resident in New Zealand; and

(b) whom a member of the Police is able to contact, when needed, about the affairs of the shooting club

endorsement, in relation to a person's firearms licence, means an endorsement made on a licence under section 30 of the Act permitting the person to possess a pistol in the person's capacity specified in section 29(2)(a) of the Act

officer, in relation to a pistol shooting club or non-pistol shooting club, means—

(a) an individual who is a member of the committee of the shooting club; or

(b) an individual who occupies a position in the shooting club that allows the person to exercise significant influence over the management or administration of the club (for example, a treasurer or a chief executive)

sell includes to supply

stored, in relation to firearms or ammunition, includes firearms or ammunition that are on the premises used by a pistol shooting club or non-pistol shooting club and are not in the physical possession of a firearms licence holder.

Regulation 28E: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28E Definitions for regulation 28G

[Revoked]

Regulation 28E: revoked, on the close of 31 December 2020, by section 74C(3)(b) of the Arms Act 1983 (1983 No 44).

Pistol shooting clubs

Heading: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28F How to apply for certificate approval

(1) An application for a certificate of approval in respect of a pistol shooting club must be made to the Commissioner—

(a) in writing in hard copy form; or

(b) electronically (for example, by email or through an Internet site).

(2) An application must state—

(a) the name and contact details of the applicant; and

(b) the name of the pistol shooting club; and

(c) the address of the premises used by the pistol shooting club, if any; and

(d) the name and contact details of at least 1 contact person for the pistol shooting club; and

(e) an electronic address for service of the club; and

(f) the names of the officers of the pistol shooting club; and

(g) the pistol shooting club's registration number as an incorporated society; and

(h) the New Zealand Business Number of the pistol shooting club, if the club has a New Zealand Business Number; and

(i) the shooting discipline or shooting disciplines of the pistol shooting club; and

(j) the aims, objectives, and proposed activities of the pistol shooting club; and

(k) the name and address of each shooting range used by the pistol shooting club for its shooting activities; and

(l) whether firearms or ammunition will be stored overnight at any premises or shooting range used by the pistol shooting club; and

(m) any other information the Commissioner may reasonably require.

(3) An application must include a declaration by the applicant that all of the information provided in the application is true and correct.

(4) The applicant must—

(a) sign the application form; or

(b) use an electronic identity credential within the meaning of section 8 of the Electronic Identity Verification Act 2012.

Regulation 28F: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28F Existing businesses involved in permitted supply of prohibited magazines or prohibited parts are exempt persons

[Revoked]

Regulation 28F: revoked, on 25 June 2020, by section 109 of the Arms Legislation Act 2020 (2020 No 23).

28G Information and documents required to support application for certificate of approval

An application for a certificate of approval that is made in respect of a pistol shooting club must be supported by the following:

(a) a copy of the club's constitution or rules; and

(b) either—

(i) a copy of the minutes of the club's last annual general meeting, if the minutes of its last annual general meeting are available; or

(ii) a copy of the minutes of the club's inaugural meeting, if the club has not yet had an annual general meeting (because it is newly constituted) and the minutes of its inaugural meeting are available; and

(c) evidence that the applicant is authorised by the club to make the application on its behalf; and

(d) the names of all club members; and

(e) the firearms licence numbers of all club members who hold a firearms licence; and

(f) details of the process for recording club member and visitor participation in shooting activities organised by the club; and

(g) if firearms or ammunition (or both) are sold on behalf of the club, a financial report, approved in accordance with the club's rules, that contains sufficient detail to provide—

(i) a reconciliation of all firearms and ammunition purchased, held, and sold on behalf of the club; and

(ii) evidence that the revenue will be used for the benefit of the club.

Regulation 28G: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28G Conditions of temporary amnesty for persons possessing prohibited items before commencement

[Revoked]

Regulation 28G: revoked, on the close of 31 December 2020, by section 74C(3)(b) of the Arms Act 1983 (1983 No 44).

28GA Publicly available information not required to be provided under regulations 28F and 28G

Despite regulations 28F and 28G, an applicant need not provide the information required by either of those regulations if that information is publicly available on—

(a) the register of incorporated societies established under section 231 of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022; or

(b) an electronic register kept by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies under section 33 of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

Regulation 28GA: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GB Certificate of approval issued subject to conditions

A certificate of approval is issued to a pistol shooting club subject to the conditions set out in regulations 28GC to 28GM.

Regulation 28GB: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Information for registry

[Revoked]

Heading: revoked, on 29 June 2025, pursuant to regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GBA When shooting clubs may enter information in registry digitally

[Revoked]

Regulation 28GBA: revoked, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Conditions relating to certificates of approval

[Revoked]

Heading: revoked, on 29 June 2025, pursuant to regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GC Certificate of approval: conditions relating to status of pistol shooting club

A pistol shooting club must notify the Commissioner if the club—

(a) ceases to operate; or

(b) ceases to be registered as an incorporated society; or

(c) amalgamates with—

(i) another pistol shooting club; or

(ii) a non-pistol shooting club.

Regulation 28GC: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GD Certificate of approval: conditions relating to pistol shooting club membership

(1) A pistol shooting club must at all times maintain a list of—

(a) all current club members; and

(b) the firearms licence numbers of all current club members who hold a firearms licence.

(2) A pistol shooting club must notify the Police if any of the following events occur:

(a) a person joins the club as a new member:

(b) the club declines a person's membership application:

(c) a person ceases to be a club member for any reason (for example, the person resigns, has their membership terminated by the club, or has not renewed their club membership within 28 days after the end of the membership year).

(3) A notification given by a pistol shooting club under subclause (2) must be given not later than 28 days after the event occurred and include the following information:

(a) if the notification is given under subclause (2)(a), the name of the new member and the new member's firearms licence number (if the new club member has a firearms licence):

(b) if the notification is given under subclause (2)(b), the applicant's name and the reason for declining the applicant's application:

(c) if the notification is given under subclause (2)(c), the name of the former member and the date on which the former member's membership ceased.

Regulation 28GD: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GE Certificate of approval: conditions relating to membership of pistol shooting club committee

A person must not be a member of the committee of a pistol shooting club if the person—

(a) is disqualified under section 22H of the Act from holding a firearms licence; or

(b) has had a firearms licence revoked within the previous 5 years; or

(c) has had an endorsement on their firearms licence revoked within the previous 5 years.

Regulation 28GE: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GF Certificate of approval: conditions relating to notification of change of contact person

(1) A pistol shooting club must ensure that notice is given to the Commissioner of—

(a) a change in a contact person for the club:

(b) a change in the name or the contact details of a contact person for the club.

(2) The notice must be given to the Commissioner within 28 days after the change.

Regulation 28GF: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GG Certificate of approval: conditions relating to security of premises

(1) This regulation applies if any firearms or ammunition, or both, are stored overnight on the premises used by a pistol shooting club.

(2) The pistol shooting club must ensure that the premises—

(a) are structurally sound; and

(b) have strong, well-maintained exterior doors with strong locks, bolts, hinges, and other fastenings that are capable of being secured against unlawful entry in a manner approved for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police; and

(c) have well-maintained windows and skylights with locks, bolts, hinges, and other fastenings that are maintained in good condition and that are capable of being secured against unlawful entry in a manner approved

for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police.

(3) The pistol shooting club must ensure that when the premises are unoccupied, all reasonable steps are taken to secure the premises against unlawful entry.

Regulation 28GG: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GH Certificate of approval: conditions relating to secure storage of firearms and ammunition

(1) This regulation applies if any firearms or ammunition, or both, are stored overnight on the premises used by a pistol shooting club.

(2) The pistol shooting club must ensure that the premises have storage facilities that enable firearms stored on the premises to be locked up in a steel box, steel cabinet, or steel safe that is secured to the premises, or in a steel and concrete strongroom or secure storeroom, and that the box, cabinet, safe, strongroom, or storeroom is of sound construction and of a type approved for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police.

(3) The pistol shooting club must ensure that the premises have storage facilities for ammunition stored on the premises that are approved for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police, and that the ammunition can be stored in—

(a) an area not accessible to the public in a steel cabinet or container that is soundly constructed and secured to the premises to prevent its removal; or

(b) a locked strongroom or storeroom.

(4) A pistol shooting club must ensure that pistols, pistol magazines, and pistol carbine conversion kits are not stored overnight on premises used by the shooting club without the prior written consent of a member of the Police.

Regulation 28GH: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GI Certificate of approval: conditions relating to ammunition sales

(1) This regulation applies if—

(a) ammunition is sold to persons on behalf of a pistol shooting club; and

(b) the ammunition is—

(i) not used on the day of sale at a shooting activity organised by the pistol shooting club; and

(ii) is taken off the premises used by the pistol shooting club.

(2) The pistol shooting club must keep a record (in hard copy or electronically) of the following details in respect of the sale:

(a) the name of the person who sold the ammunition (the **seller**); and

(b) the seller's firearms licence number; and

(c) the name of the person to whom the ammunition was sold (the **purchaser**); and

(d) the purchaser's firearms licence number or, if the ammunition was sold to the purchaser for use under the immediate supervision of another person who holds a firearms licence, the name and firearms licence number of that other person; and

(e) the quantity and type of ammunition sold.

(3) However, a pistol shooting club need not comply with subclause (2) if, in accordance with any regulations made for the purpose, the pistol shooting club provides the details specified in subclause (2) to the Police for inclusion in the registry.

(4) A pistol shooting club that keeps its record under subclause (2) in hard copy form must retain the record for at least 5 years from the date of the last entry in the record.

(5) A pistol shooting club that keeps its record under subclause (2) electronically must retain each electronic record for at least 5 years from the date on which the record is entered.

(6) When a pistol shooting club's certificate of approval is surrendered or cancelled, the pistol shooting club must, within 90 days after the suspension or cancellation, surrender to the Police all records it is required by this regulation to keep that have not been included in the registry.

Regulation 28GI: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GJ Certificate of approval: conditions relating to incidents and safety breaches that occur during shooting activity

(1) A pistol shooting club must maintain an up-to-date record of any incidents or safety breaches that have occurred during any shooting activity organised by the club and that did not result in injury to, or the death of, any person but had the potential to do so.

(2) The record may be kept in hard copy or electronic form.

(3) Each entry in the record must be kept for at least 5 years from the date on which the incident or safety breach occurred.

(4) However, a pistol shooting club need not comply with this regulation if, in accordance with any regulations made for the purpose, the pistol shooting club provides information about each entry in the record to the Police for inclusion in the registry.

Regulation 28GJ: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GK Certificate of approval: conditions relating to participation of young club members in shooting activities

(1) A person under the age of 17 years who is a club member (**A**) may be allowed to participate in shooting activities organised by a pistol shooting club on a certified range if, at all times when A is on the certified range participating in the shooting activities and in possession of a pistol, A is under the immediate supervision of another club member who holds a firearms licence bearing an endorsement.

(2) When A attains the age of 17 years, then, unless A has a firearms licence bearing an endorsement, A may only be allowed to continue to participate in shooting activities organised by a pistol shooting club on a certified range if, at all times when A is on the certified range participating in the shooting activities and in possession of a pistol, A is under the immediate supervision of a club member who holds a firearms licence bearing an endorsement, and—

(a) A remains a member of the club; and

(b) A has passed an examination conducted by a member of the Police, or a person approved for the purpose by a member of the Police, that is designed to demonstrate knowledge of—

(i) the safe possession and use of a pistol; and

(ii) the obligations of a licence holder whose licence bears an endorsement; and

(c) A is awaiting the outcome of an application for—

(i) an endorsement on their firearms licence; or

(ii) a firearms licence and an endorsement on the licence.

Regulation 28GK: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GL Certificate of approval: conditions relating to participation in shooting activities by persons aged 16 years or over who do not hold firearms licence with pistol endorsement

(1) Any person aged 16 years or over who is not a member of a pistol shooting club and who does not hold a firearms licence bearing an endorsement (**A**) may be allowed to participate in no more than 3 shooting activities organised by the pistol shooting club on a certified range over any 6-month period (an **initial period**) if, at all times when A is on the certified range participating in the shooting activities and in possession of a pistol, A is under the immediate supervision of a club member who holds a firearms licence bearing an endorsement.

(2) A may be permitted to continue to participate in further shooting activities organised by the pistol shooting club on a certified range without a firearms licence bearing an endorsement for a period of 12 months after the expiry of the initial period (a **further period**) if A—

(a) becomes and remains a member of the club; and

(b) at all times when A is on the certified range participating in the shooting activities and in possession of a pistol, A is under the immediate supervision of a club member who holds a firearms licence bearing an endorsement.

(3) A may be permitted to continue to participate in further shooting activities organised by the pistol shooting club on a certified range without a firearms licence bearing an endorsement after the expiry of the further period if A—

(a) remains a club member; and

(b) at all times when A is on the certified range participating in the shooting activities and in possession of a pistol, A is under the immediate supervision of a club member who holds a firearms licence bearing an endorsement; and

(c) has passed an examination conducted by a member of the Police, or a person approved for the purpose by a member of the Police, that is designed to demonstrate knowledge of—

(i) the safe possession and use of a pistol; and

(ii) the obligations of a licence holder whose licence bears an endorsement; and

(d) is awaiting the outcome of an application for—

(i) an endorsement on their firearms licence; or

(ii) a firearms licence and an endorsement on the licence.

Regulation 28GL: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GM Certificate of approval: conditions relating to records of participation in activities

(1) A pistol shooting club must keep a record each year of—

(a) the pistol shooting activities organised by the club during the year; and

(b) for each member of the club,—

(i) the scheduled shooting activities organised by the club that the member participated in during the year; and

(ii) any scheduled shooting activities organised by another pistol shooting club that the member participated in during the year; and

(iii) any international pistol shooting events that the member participated in during the year.

(2) The record referred to in subclause (1)(a) must show, for each shooting activity,—

(a) the type of shooting activity; and

(b) the date of the shooting activity; and

(c) the names of all persons (including persons who are not club members) who participated in the shooting activity (the **participants**); and

(d) the firearms licence numbers of all participants who hold a firearms licence and that are not club members.

(3) The record referred to in subclause (1)(b) must show, for each club member, the dates of the shooting activities and international pistol shooting events that they participated in.

(4) The records referred to in subclause (1) must be included in the shooting club's annual report.

(5) However, a pistol shooting club need not comply with subclauses (1) and (4) if, in accordance with any regulations made for the purpose, the club provides the details specified in subclauses (2) and (3) to the Police for inclusion in the registry.

(6) In this regulation, **year** means a period of 12 months commencing on 1 July and ending on 30 June.

Regulation 28GM: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GN Content of annual reports of pistol shooting club

(1) A pistol shooting club's annual report must include details of any changes to the club's officers since the later of the date on which the club applied for a certificate of approval and the date of the club's last annual report or, if no such changes have been made since the later of those dates, a statement to that effect.

(2) A pistol shooting club's annual report must, additionally, include the following:

(a) details of any changes made to the club's constitution or rules since the later of the date on which the club applied for a certificate of approval and the date of the club's last annual report or, if no such changes have been made since the later of those dates, a statement to that effect; and

(b) the minutes of the club's last annual general meeting; and

(c) the names of all club members; and

(d) the firearms licence numbers of all club members who hold a firearms licence; and

(e) a list of the shooting activities organised by the club that were held during the financial year and the location of those activities; and

(f) the records kept under regulation 28GM(1); and

(g) a list of the shooting activities organised by the club that are planned to be held during the following financial year and the location of those activities; and

(h) if firearms or ammunition, or both, are sold on behalf of the club, a financial report approved in accordance with the club's rules, containing sufficient detail to provide—

(i) a reconciliation of all firearms and ammunition purchased on behalf of the club with the firearms and ammunition held or sold on behalf of the club; and

(ii) evidence that all revenue generated by the sales was used, or is to be used, for the benefit of the club.

(3) In this regulation and regulation 28GO, **annual report**, in relation to a shooting club, means the annual report the shooting club is required to provide to the Commissioner under section 38J of the Act.

Regulation 28GN: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Annual reports

[Revoked]

Heading: revoked, on 29 June 2025, pursuant to regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GO Publicly available information not required to be provided under regulation 28GN

Despite regulation 28GN, an annual report need not include the information required by that regulation if the information is publicly available on—

(a) the register of incorporated societies established under section 231 of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022; or

(b) an electronic register kept by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies under section 33 of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

Regulation 28GO: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GP When pistol shooting clubs may enter information in registry digitally

Information required by the Act or these regulations to be provided by or on behalf of a pistol shooting club to the Police may be entered in the registry digitally by or on behalf of the club when the Commissioner allows.

Regulation 28GP: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Non-pistol shooting clubs

Heading: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GQ How to apply for enrolment

(1) An application for enrolment in respect of a non-pistol shooting club must be made to the Commissioner—

(a) in writing in hard copy form; or

(b) electronically (for example, by email or through an Internet site).

(2) An application must state—

(a) the name and contact details of the applicant; and

(b) the name of the non-pistol shooting club; and

(c) the address of the premises used by the non-pistol shooting club, if any; and

(d) the name and contact details of at least 1 contact person for the non-pistol shooting club; and

(e) an electronic address for service of the club; and

(f) the names of the officers of the non-pistol shooting club; and

(g) whether the non-pistol shooting club is an incorporated society and, if it is, the club's registration number of the society; and

(h) the New Zealand Business Number of the non-pistol shooting club, if the club has a New Zealand Business Number; and

(i) the shooting discipline or shooting disciplines of the non-pistol shooting club; and

(j) the aims, objectives, and proposed activities of the non-pistol shooting club; and

(k) the name and address of each shooting range used by the non-pistol shooting club for its shooting activities; and

(l) whether firearms or ammunition will be stored overnight at any premises or shooting range used by the non-pistol shooting club; and

(m) whether the non-pistol shooting club intends to permit firearms, ammunition, or both firearms and ammunition, to be sold to persons on its behalf.

(3) An application must include a declaration by the applicant that—

(a) the applicant is authorised to make the application; and

(b) all of the information provided in the application is true and correct.

(4) The applicant must—

(a) sign the application form; or

(b) use an electronic identity credential within the meaning of section 8 of the Electronic Identity Verification Act 2012.

Regulation 28GQ: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Application for certification of shooting range

[Revoked]

Heading: revoked, on 29 June 2025, pursuant to regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GR Publicly available information not required to be provided under regulation 28GQ

Despite regulation 28GQ, an applicant need not provide the information required by that regulation if that information is publicly available on—

(a) the register of incorporated societies established under section 231 of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022; or

(b) an electronic register kept by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies under section 33 of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

Regulation 28GR: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GS Enrolment of non-pistol shooting club subject to conditions

The enrolment of a non-pistol shooting club is subject to the conditions set out in regulations 28GT to 28GY.

Regulation 28GS: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GT Enrolment: conditions relating to status of non-pistol shooting club

A non-pistol shooting club must notify the Commissioner if the club—

(a) ceases to operate; or

(b) amalgamates with—

(i) a pistol shooting club; or

(ii) another non-pistol shooting club; or

(c) ceases to be registered as an incorporated society but firearms or ammunition continues to be sold on behalf of the club.

Regulation 28GT: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GU Enrolment: conditions relating to notification of change in application details

(1) A non-pistol shooting club must ensure that notice is given to the Commissioner of any change in the details provided under regulation 28GQ(2).

(2) The notice must be given to the Commissioner within 28 days after the change.

Regulation 28GU: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GV Enrolment: conditions relating to security of premises

(1) This regulation applies if any firearms or ammunition, or both, are stored overnight on the premises used by a non-pistol shooting club.

(2) The non-pistol shooting club must ensure that the premises—

(a) are structurally sound; and

(b) have strong, well-maintained exterior doors with strong locks, bolts, hinges, and other fastenings that are capable of being secured against unlawful entry in a manner approved for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police; and

(c) have well-maintained windows and skylights with locks, bolts, hinges, and other fastenings that are maintained in good condition and that are capable of being secured against unlawful entry in a manner approved for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police.

(3) The non-pistol shooting club must ensure that when the premises are unoccupied, all reasonable steps are taken to secure the premises against unlawful entry.

Regulation 28GV: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Renewal of certification

[Revoked]

Heading: revoked, on 29 June 2025, pursuant to regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GW Enrolment: conditions relating to secure storage of firearms and ammunition

(1) This regulation applies if any firearms or ammunition, or both, are stored overnight on the premises used by a non-pistol shooting club.

(2) The non-pistol shooting club must ensure that the premises have storage facilities that enable firearms stored on the premises to be locked up in a steel box, steel cabinet, or steel safe that is secured to the premises, or in a steel and concrete strongroom or secure storeroom, and that the box, cabinet, safe, strongroom, or storeroom is of sound construction and of a type approved for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police.

(3) The non-pistol shooting club must ensure that the premises have storage facilities for ammunition stored on the premises that are approved for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police, and that the ammunition can be stored in—

(a) an area not accessible to the public in a steel cabinet or container that is soundly constructed and secured to the premises to prevent its removal; or

(b) a locked strongroom or storeroom.

Regulation 28GW: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GX Enrolment: conditions relating to ammunition sales

(1) This regulation applies if—

(a) ammunition is sold to persons on behalf of a non-pistol shooting club; and

(b) the ammunition is—

(i) not used on the day of sale at a shooting activity organised by the non-pistol shooting club; and

(ii) is taken off the premises used by the non-pistol shooting club.

(2) The non-pistol shooting club must keep a record (in hard copy or electronically) of the following details in respect of the sale:

(a) the name of the person to whom the ammunition was sold (the **purchaser**); and

(b) the purchaser's firearms licence number or, if the ammunition was sold to the purchaser for use under the immediate supervision of another person who holds a firearms licence, the name and firearms licence number of that other person; and

(c) the quantity and type of ammunition sold.

(3) However, a non-pistol shooting club need not comply with subclause (2) if, in accordance with any regulations made for the purpose, the non-pistol shooting club provides the details specified in subclause (2) to the Police for inclusion in the registry.

(4) A non-pistol shooting club that keeps its record under subclause (2) in hard copy form must retain the record for at least 5 years from the date of the last entry in the record.

(5) A non-pistol shooting club that keeps its record under subclause (2) electronically must retain each electronic record for at least 5 years from the date on which the record is entered.

(6) When a non-pistol shooting club's enrolment is cancelled, the non-pistol shooting club must, within 90 days after the cancellation, surrender to the Police all records it is required by this regulation to keep that have not been included in the registry.

Regulation 28GX: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GY Enrolment: conditions relating to incidents and safety breaches that occur during shooting activity

(1) A non-pistol shooting club must maintain an up-to-date record of any incidents or safety breaches that have occurred during any shooting activity organised by the club and that did not result in injury to, or the death of, any person but had the potential to do so.

(2) The record may be kept in hard copy or electronic form.

(3) Each entry in the record must be kept for at least 5 years from the date on which the incident or safety breach occurred.

(4) However, a non-pistol shooting club need not comply with this regulation if, in accordance with any regulations made for the purpose, the shooting club provides information about each entry in the record to the Police for inclusion in the registry.

Regulation 28GY: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Conditions relating to certifications

[Revoked]

Heading: revoked, on 29 June 2025, pursuant to regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZ When non-pistol shooting clubs may enter information in registry digitally

Information required by the Act or these regulations to be provided by or on behalf of a non-pistol shooting club to the Police may be entered in the registry digitally by or on behalf of the club when the Commissioner allows.

Regulation 28GZ: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Compliance activities

Heading: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZA Compliance activities

(1) The annual compliance activities fee prescribed in Schedule 1A must be paid by—

(a) a pistol shooting club:

(b) a non-pistol shooting club.

(2) The compliance activities fee must be paid no later than 30 June in each year.

Regulation 28GZA: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Part 6
Shooting ranges

Part 6: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZB Interpretation

In this Part and Schedule 1A, unless the context otherwise requires,—

contact details, in relation to a person, means that person's—

(a) physical address; and

(b) electronic address (if any); and

(c) telephone number

contact person, in relation to a pistol shooting range or non-pistol shooting range, means a person—

(a) who is—

(i) of or over the age of 18 years; and

(ii) ordinarily resident in New Zealand; and

(b) whom a member of the Police is able to contact, when needed, about the affairs of the shooting range

range standing orders, in relation to a pistol shooting range or non-pistol shooting range, means a document that—

(a) describes the design of the shooting range; and

(b) sets out the operational detail, and conditions of use, of the shooting range

significant changes to the circumstances of a certified pistol shooting range, in relation to a pistol shooting range, means any changes to the design, construction, or operation of the shooting range that have, or may have, a material impact on the safety or ballistic characteristics of the shooting range

stored, in relation to firearms or ammunition, includes firearms or ammunition that are on the premises of a pistol shooting range or non-pistol shooting range and are not in the physical possession of a firearms licence holder.

Regulation 28GZB: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Pistol shooting ranges

Heading: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZC How to apply for certification

(1) An application for the certification in respect of a pistol shooting range must be made to the Commissioner—

(a) in writing in hard copy form; or

(b) electronically (for example, by email or through an Internet site).

(2) An application must state—

(a) the name and contact details of the applicant; and

(b) the name and contact details of the pistol shooting range operator, if the range operator is not the applicant; and

(c) the name of the pistol shooting range; and

(d) the address of the pistol shooting range; and

(e) an electronic address for service of the pistol shooting range; and

(f) the New Zealand topographical map number and co-ordinates on that map of the pistol shooting range; and

(g) the name and contact details of at least 1 contact person for the pistol shooting range; and

(h) the New Zealand Business Number of the pistol shooting range officer, if the range officer has a New Zealand Business Number; and

(i) the firearms licence number of the pistol shooting range operator, if the range operator is an individual; and

(j) the types of firearms and the maximum calibre to be used at the pistol shooting range; and

(k) any other information the Commissioner may reasonably require.

(3) An application must include a declaration by the applicant that—

(a) all necessary territorial authority and regional council consents in respect of the pistol shooting range have been obtained; and

(b) all landowners affected, or likely to be affected, by the operation of the pistol shooting range have consented to its operation; and

(c) all of the information provided in the application is true and correct.

(4) The applicant must—

(a) sign the application form; or

(b) use an electronic identity credential within the meaning of section 8 of the Electronic Identity Verification Act 2012.

Regulation 28GZC: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZD Information and documents required to support application for certification

An application for the certification of a pistol shooting range must be supported by the following:

(a) a copy of the range standing orders for the shooting range; and

(b) a copy of an inspection report undertaken in respect of the shooting range by a shooting range inspector recognised by the Commissioner; and

(c) evidence that the applicant is authorised to make the application, if the applicant is a person authorised to make the application under section 38S(1)(b) or (c) of the Act.

Regulation 28GZD: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZE Application in respect of multiple pistol shooting ranges operated by same range operator

(1) An application may be made under regulation 28GZC for the certification of multiple pistol shooting ranges that are—

(a) on the same site; and

(b) operated by the same range operator.

(2) Regulations 28GZC and 28GZD apply to an application for the certification of multiple pistol shooting ranges with the modifications set out in subclause (3).

(3) The application must—

(a) contain, in respect of each pistol shooting range, the information required by regulation 28GZC(2)(c), (e), (g), (j), and (k); and

(b) include for each pistol shooting range a declaration of the kind required by regulation 28GZC(3); and

(c) be supported by a copy of the range standing orders that apply in respect of each pistol shooting range; and

(d) be supported by a copy of an inspection report undertaken in respect of each shooting range of the kind required by regulation 28GZD(b).

Regulation 28GZE: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZF Certification subject to conditions

The certification of a pistol shooting range is subject to the conditions set out in regulations 28GZG to 28GZL.

Regulation 28GZF: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Information for registry

[Revoked]

Heading: revoked, on 29 June 2025, pursuant to regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZG Certification: conditions relating to notification of change of contact person

(1) The range operator of a certified pistol shooting range must ensure that notice is given to the Commissioner of—

(a) a change in a contact person for the pistol shooting range:

(b) a change in the name or the contact details of a contact person for the pistol shooting range.

(2) The notice must be given to the Commissioner within 28 days after the change.

Regulation 28GZG: replaced, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZH Certification: conditions relating to duty officers

(1) The range operator of a certified pistol shooting range must maintain, for each year ending on 30 June, a record of the officers who—

(a) are on duty at the pistol shooting range from time to time during the year; and

(b) satisfy the requirements in section 38W(1) of the Act.

(2) The record must state—

(a) the name of the officer; and

(b) the firearms licence number of the officer; and

(c) the training that the officer has had in pistol shooting range safety management.

(3) The record for each year must be retained for a period of 2 years from the end of the year to which the record relates.

Regulation 28GZH: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZI Certification: conditions relating to range standing orders

(1) The range operator of a certified pistol shooting range must maintain range standing orders for the pistol shooting range that include all information required by the Police.

(2) The range standing orders for a certified pistol shooting range must be approved by the Police.

(3) The range operator of a certified pistol shooting range must, at all times while operating the pistol shooting range, comply with the range standing orders for the pistol shooting range approved by the Police.

(4) Any change to approved range standing orders may only be made with the prior approval of the Police if the change will, or may, affect—

(a) the ballistic characteristics of the pistol shooting range; or

(b) the operation or safety of the pistol shooting range.

(5) The range operator of a certified pistol shooting range must take all reasonable and practicable steps to ensure that all persons using the pistol shooting range—

(a) have access to the current version of the range standing orders, whether in hard copy or electronic form; and

(b) are advised of any change that is made to the range standing orders.

Regulation 28GZI: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZJ Certification: conditions relating to security of premises

(1) This regulation applies if any firearms or ammunition, or both, are stored overnight on the premises of a pistol shooting range.

(2) The range operator must ensure that the premises—

(a) are structurally sound; and

(b) have strong, well-maintained exterior doors with strong locks, bolts, hinges, and other fastenings that are capable of being secured against unlawful entry in a manner approved for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police; and

(c) have well-maintained windows and skylights with locks, bolts, hinges, and other fastenings that are maintained in good condition and that are capable of being secured against unlawful entry in a manner approved for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police.

(3) The range operator must ensure that when the premises are unoccupied, all reasonable steps are taken to secure the premises against unlawful entry.

Regulation 28GZJ: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZK Certification: conditions relating to secure storage of firearms and ammunition

(1) This regulation applies if any firearms or ammunition, or both, are stored overnight on the premises of a pistol shooting range.

(2) The range operator must ensure that the premises have storage facilities that enable firearms stored on the premises to be locked up in a steel box, steel cabinet, or steel safe that is secured to the premises, or in a steel and concrete strongroom or secure storeroom, and that the box, cabinet, safe, or strongroom is of sound construction and of a type approved for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police.

(3) The range operator must ensure that the premises have storage facilities for ammunition stored on the premises that are approved for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police and that the ammunition can be stored in—

(a) an area that is not accessible to the public in a steel cabinet or container that is soundly constructed and secured to the premises to prevent its removal; or

(b) a locked strongroom or storeroom.

(4) The range operator of a certified shooting range must ensure that pistols, pistol magazines, and pistol carbine conversion kits are not stored overnight on the premises of the shooting range without the prior written consent of a member of the Police.

Regulation 28GZK: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZL Certification: conditions relating to incidents and safety breaches that occur on shooting range

(1) A range operator of a pistol shooting range must maintain an up-to-date record of any incidents or safety breaches that have occurred on any shooting range operated by the range operator and that did not result in injury to, or the death of, any person but had the potential to do so.

(2) The record may be kept in hard copy or electronic form.

(3) Each entry in the record must be kept for at least 5 years from the date on which the incident or safety breach occurred.

(4) However, a range operator need not comply with this regulation if, in accordance with any regulations made for the purpose, the range operator provides information about each entry in the record to the Police for inclusion in the registry.

Regulation 28GZL: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZM Renewal of certification of pistol shooting range if significant change to circumstances

If there have been any significant changes to the circumstances of a certified pistol shooting range in the previous 5 years, an application for renewal of certification may be made in accordance with regulations 28GZC to 28GZE.

Regulation 28GZM: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZN Renewal of certification of pistol shooting range if no significant change to circumstances

(1) If there has been no significant change to the circumstances of a certified pistol shooting range in the previous 5 years, an application may be made for

the renewal of the shooting range's certification in the form approved for the purpose by the Commissioner that contains—

(a) the name and contact details of the applicant; and

(b) the name and contact details of the range operator, if the range operator is not the applicant; and

(c) the name of the pistol shooting range; and

(d) the address of the pistol shooting range; and

(e) the New Zealand topographical map number and co-ordinates on that map of the pistol shooting range; and

(f) the name and contact details of at least 1 contact person for the shooting range; and

(g) the New Zealand Business Number of the range operator, if the range operator has a New Zealand Business Number; and

(h) the firearms licence number of the range operator, if the range operator is an individual; and

(i) the details of any changes to the circumstances of the pistol shooting range in the previous 5 years, if any; and

(j) any other information the Commissioner may reasonably require.

(2) An application must be supported by—

(a) a copy of an inspection report undertaken in respect of the pistol shooting range by a shooting range inspector recognised by the Commissioner; and

(b) evidence that the applicant is authorised to make the application, if the applicant is a person authorised to make the application under section 38XE(1)(b) or (c) of the Act.

(3) The applicant must—

(a) sign the application form; or

(b) use an electronic identity credential within the meaning of section 8 of the Electronic Identity Verification Act 2012.

Regulation 28GZN: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZO Renewal of certifications of multiple pistol shooting ranges operated by same range operator if no significant change to circumstances

(1) An application may be made for the renewal of the certification of multiple pistol shooting ranges that are—

(a) on the same site; and

(b) operated by the same range operator.

(2) Regulation 28GZN applies to an application for the certification of multiple pistol shooting ranges with the modifications set out in subclause (3).

(3) The application must—

(a) contain, in respect of each shooting range, the information required by regulation 28GZN(1)(c), (e), and (i); and

(b) be supported by a copy of an inspection report undertaken in respect of each pistol shooting range of the kind required by regulation 28GZN(2)(a).

Regulation 28GZO: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZP When pistol shooting ranges may enter information in registry digitally

Information required by the Act or these regulations to be provided by or on behalf of a pistol shooting range operator to the Police may be entered in the registry digitally by or on behalf of the shooting range operator when the Commissioner allows.

Regulation 28GZP: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Non-pistol shooting ranges

Heading: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZQ How to apply for enrolment

(1) An application for the enrolment of a non-pistol shooting range must be made to the Commissioner—

(a) in writing in hard copy form; or

(b) electronically (for example, by email or through an Internet site).

(2) An application must state—

(a) the name and contact details of the applicant; and

(b) the name and contact details of the non-pistol shooting range operator, if the range operator is not the applicant; and

(c) the name of the non-pistol shooting range; and

(d) the location of the non-pistol shooting range; and

(e) an electronic address for service of the non-pistol shooting range; and

(f) the New Zealand topographical map number and co-ordinates on that map of the non-pistol shooting range; and

(g) the name and contact details of at least 1 contact person for the non-pistol shooting range; and

(h) the New Zealand Business Number of the non-pistol shooting range operator, if the range operator has a New Zealand Business Number; and

(i) the association that the non-pistol shooting range is affiliated with, if any; and

(j) the discipline of the non-pistol shooting range; and

(k) the firearms licence number of the non-pistol shooting range operator, if the range operator is an individual; and

(l) the types of firearms and the maximum calibre to be used at the non-pistol shooting range.

(3) An application must include a declaration by the applicant declaring—

(a) the matters specified in section 38XE(2)(b) of the Act; and

(b) that all landowners affected, or likely to be affected, by the operation of the non-pistol shooting range have consented to its operation; and

(c) that all of the information provided in the application is true and correct.

(4) The applicant must—

(a) sign the application form; or

(b) use an electronic identity credential within the meaning of section 8 of the Electronic Identity Verification Act 2012.

Regulation 28GZQ: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZR Information and documents required to support application for enrolment

An application for the enrolment of a non-pistol shooting range must be supported by the following:

(a) evidence that the applicant is authorised to make the application, if the applicant is a person authorised to make the application under section 38XE(1)(b) or (c) of the Act (if applicable); and

(b) a copy of the range standing orders for the non-pistol shooting range; and

(c) evidence that the range standing orders have been approved by—

(i) the association that the non-pistol shooting range is affiliated with (being an association that, under regulation 28GZZD, may approve the range standing orders of the non-pistol shooting range); or

(ii) the Police; and

(d) a copy of an inspection report undertaken in respect of the shooting range by a shooting range inspector recognised by the Commissioner.

Regulation 28GZR: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZS Application in respect of multiple non-pistol shooting ranges operated by same range operator

(1) An application may be made under regulation 28GZQ for the enrolment of multiple non-pistol shooting ranges that are—

(a) on the same site; and

(b) operated by the same range operator.

(2) Regulations 28GZQ and 28GZR apply to an application for the enrolment of multiple non-pistol shooting ranges with the modifications set out in subclause (3).

(3) The application must—

(a) contain, in respect of each non-pistol shooting range, the information required by regulation 28GZQ(2)(c), (e), (f), (j), and (l); and

(b) include for each non-pistol shooting range a declaration of the kind required by regulation 28GZQ(3); and

(c) be supported by—

(i) a copy of the range standing orders for each non-pistol shooting range; and

(ii) evidence that the range standing orders have been approved by—

(A) the association that the non-pistol shooting range is affiliated with (being an association that, under regulation 28GZZD, may approve the range standing orders of the non-pistol shooting range); or

(B) the Police; and

(iii) a copy of an inspection report undertaken in respect of each non-pistol shooting range of the kind required by regulation 28GZR(d).

Regulation 28GZS: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZT Enrolment subject to conditions

The enrolment of a non-pistol shooting range is subject to the conditions set out in regulations 28GZU to 28GZZ.

Regulation 28GZT: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZU Enrolment: conditions relating to notification of change of contact person

(1) The range operator of an enrolled non-pistol shooting range must ensure that notice is given to the Commissioner of—

(a) a change in a contact person for the shooting range:

(b) a change in the name or the contact details of a contact person for the shooting range.

(2) The notice must be given to the Commissioner within 28 days after the change.

Regulation 28GZU: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZV Enrolment: conditions relating to duty officers

(1) At all times while the enrolled non-pistol shooting range is in use, an officer must be on duty who—

(a) holds a firearms licence; and

(b) is appropriately trained in non-pistol shooting range safety management.

(2) The range operator of an enrolled non-pistol shooting range must maintain, for each year ending on 30 June, a record of the officers who—

(a) are on duty at the non-pistol shooting range from time to time during the year; and

(b) satisfy the requirements in subclause (1).

(3) The record must state—

(a) the name of the officer; and

(b) the firearms licence number of the officer; and

(c) the training that the officer has had in non-pistol shooting range safety management.

(4) The record for each year must be retained for a period of 2 years from the end of the year to which the record relates.

Regulation 28GZV: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZW Enrolment: conditions relating to range standing orders

(1) The range operator of an enrolled non-pistol shooting range must maintain range standing orders for the non-pistol shooting range.

(2) The range operator of an enrolled non-pistol shooting range must, at all times while operating the shooting range, comply with the range standing orders for the non-pistol shooting range.

(3) The range operator of an enrolled non-pistol shooting range must take all reasonable and practicable steps to ensure that all persons using the non-pistol shooting range—

(a) have access to the current version of the range standing orders, whether in hard copy or electronic form; and

(b) are advised of any change that is made to the range standing orders.

(4) Any change to range standing orders for an enrolled non-pistol shooting range may only be made with the prior approval of the association that the non-pistol

shooting range is affiliated with (that, under regulation 28GZZD, may approve the range standing orders of the non-pistol shooting range) or the Police if the change will, or may, affect—

(a) the ballistic characteristics of the non-pistol shooting range; or

(b) the operation or safety of the non-pistol shooting range.

(5) The range operator of an enrolled non-pistol shooting range must ensure that notice is given to the Commissioner of any change to the range standing orders for the shooting range, including those made with the prior approval of—

(a) the association that the non-pistol shooting range is affiliated with (that, under regulation 28GZZD, may approve the range standing orders of the non-pistol shooting range); or

(b) the Police.

(6) The notice under subclause (5) must be given to the Commissioner within 28 days after the change.

Regulation 28GZW: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZX Enrolment: conditions relating to security of premises

(1) This regulation applies if any firearms or ammunition, or both, are stored overnight on the premises of a non-pistol shooting range.

(2) The range operator must ensure that the premises—

(a) are structurally sound; and

(b) have strong, well-maintained exterior doors with strong locks, bolts, hinges, and other fastenings that are capable of being secured against unlawful entry in a manner approved for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police; and

(c) have well-maintained windows and skylights with locks, bolts, hinges, and other fastenings that are maintained in good condition and that are capable of being secured against unlawful entry in a manner approved for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police.

(3) The range operator must ensure that when the premises are unoccupied, all reasonable steps are taken to secure the premises against unlawful entry.

Regulation 28GZX: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZY Enrolment: conditions relating to secure storage of firearms and ammunition

(1) This regulation applies if any firearms or ammunition, or both, are stored overnight on the premises of a non-pistol shooting range.

(2) The range operator must ensure that the premises have storage facilities that enable firearms stored on the premises to be locked up in a steel box, steel cabinet, or steel safe that is secured to the premises, or in a steel and concrete strongroom or secure storeroom, and that the box, cabinet, safe, or strongroom is of sound construction and of a type approved for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police.

(3) The range operator must ensure that the premises have storage facilities for ammunition stored on the premises that are approved for the time being either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police and that the ammunition can be stored in—

(a) an area that is not accessible to the public in a steel cabinet or container that is soundly constructed and secured to the premises to prevent its removal; or

(b) a locked strongroom or storeroom.

Regulation 28GZY: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZZ Enrolment: conditions relating to incidents and safety breaches

(1) A range operator of a non-pistol shooting range must maintain an up-to-date record of any incidents or safety breaches that have occurred on any shooting range operated by the range operator and that did not result in injury to, or the death of, any person but had the potential to do so.

(2) The record may be kept in hard copy or electronic form.

(3) Each entry in the record must be kept for at least 5 years from the date on which the incident or safety breach occurred.

(4) However, a range operator need not comply with this regulation if, in accordance with any regulations made for the purpose, the range operator provides information about each entry in the record to the Police for inclusion in the registry.

Regulation 28GZZ: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZZA When non-pistol shooting ranges may enter information in registry digitally

Information required by the Act or these regulations to be provided by or on behalf of a non-pistol shooting range operator to the Police may be entered in the registry digitally by or on behalf of the shooting range operator when the Commissioner allows.

Regulation 28GZZA: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Temporary non-pistol shooting ranges

Heading: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZZB Notice of temporary non-pistol shooting ranges

(1) Notice to the Commissioner, under section 38XD(2) of the Act, of a temporary non-pistol shooting range must be given by the operator at least 1 week prior to the beginning of the shooting event for which the temporary non-pistol shooting range is to be set up.

(2) The notice must be given—

(a) in writing in hard copy form; or

(b) electronically (for example, by email or through an Internet site).

(3) The notice must state—

(a) the name and contact details of the temporary non-pistol range operator; and

(b) the firearms licence number of the temporary non-pistol shooting range operator, if the range operator is an individual; and

(c) the location of the temporary non-pistol shooting range; and

(d) the date of the shooting event; and

(e) the discipline of the temporary non-pistol shooting range; and

(f) the types of firearms and the maximum calibre to be used at the temporary non-pistol shooting range.

(4) The operator of the temporary non-pistol shooting range must—

(a) sign the notice; or

(b) use an electronic identity credential within the meaning of section 8 of the Electronic Identity Verification Act 2012.

Regulation 28GZZB: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZZC Information and documents required to support notice

A notice referred to in regulation 28GZZB must be supported by the following:

(a) a copy of the range standing orders being used for the temporary non-pistol shooting range; and

(b) evidence that the range standing orders have been approved by—

(i) the association that the non-pistol shooting range is affiliated with (being an association that, under regulation 28GZZD, may approve the range standing orders of the non-pistol shooting range); or

(ii) the Police.

Regulation 28GZZC: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Associations

Heading: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZZD Associations that may approve range standing orders of non-pistol shooting ranges

An association that a non-pistol shooting range is affiliated with may approve the range standing orders of the non-pistol shooting range only if the association—

(a) is an incorporated society; and

(b) is representative of a group of non-pistol shooting clubs across a region or nationally; and

(c) specialises in the discipline of the non-pistol shooting range or in the shooting activities carried out by the non-pistol shooting range; and

(d) has oversight of, and the ability to set rules for, at least 1 other non-pistol shooting range.

Regulation 28GZZD: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

28GZZE Standards used by associations to approve range standing orders of non-pistol shooting ranges

(1) The standards used by an association to assess whether to approve the range standing orders of a non-pistol shooting range must be—

(a) developed by the association; or

(b) published by the Commissioner.

(2) If the standards used by an association to assess whether to approve the range standing orders of a non-pistol shooting range are developed by the association, the association must—

(a) make the standards available for inspection by any person on request; and

(b) review and update the standards at regular intervals.

Regulation 28GZZE: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Part 7
Compensation

Part 7 heading: inserted, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 30 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Compensation for prohibited items

Heading: inserted, on 20 June 2019, by regulation 18 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

28H Interpretation

In regulations 28I to 28WA, unless the context otherwise requires,—

amnesty period has the meaning given to it in clause 1 of Schedule 1 of the Act

approved gunsmith means a gunsmith who is approved by the Commissioner and whose name is published on a list of approved gunsmiths available online at http://www.police.govt.nz

approved licensed dealer means a licensed dealer who is approved by the Commissioner and whose name is published on a list of approved licensed dealers available online at http://www.police.govt.nz

compensation schedule means a compensation schedule issued by the Commissioner under regulation 28M

prohibited item means all or any of the following:

(a) a prohibited firearm:

(b) a prohibited magazine:

(c) a prohibited part

prohibited part—

(a) has the meaning given to it in section 2C of the Act; and

(b) for the purposes of regulations 28I to 28WA,—

(i) includes the following classes of prohibited parts:

(A) a semi-automatic lower receiver that is capable of being attached to a centrefire upper receiver (whether or not it is also capable of being attached to a rimfire upper receiver) or is capable of being able to accept and cycle centrefire cartridges or rimfire cartridges greater than 0.22 calibre; and

(B) an upper receiver that is capable of being attached to any semi-automatic centrefire compatible lower receiver; but

(ii) excludes—

(A) a part of a prohibited firearm that may be used on a firearm other than a prohibited firearm (not being a part referred to in subparagraph (i)); and

(B) a part of a pistol.

Regulation 28H: inserted, on 20 June 2019, by regulation 18 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 28H: amended, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 7(1) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

Regulation 28H **prohibited part**: replaced, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 7(2) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

28I Limits on compensation

The amount of compensation payable in respect of a prohibited item under these regulations that is set out in a compensation schedule, or determined by the Commissioner under regulation 28P or 28S, does not in any case include compensation for any of the following:

(a) any economic loss; or

(b) any consequential loss; or

(c) any loss for business interruption; or

(d) any loss attributable to intrinsic or sentimental value.

Regulation 28I: inserted, on 20 June 2019, by regulation 18 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Compensation scheme for delivery of prohibited items to Police

Heading: inserted, on 20 June 2019, by regulation 18 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Heading: amended, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 8 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

28J Prohibited items delivered to approved licensed dealer to be surrendered to Police

(1) A person may, during the amnesty period, deliver a prohibited item to an approved licensed dealer for surrender to a member of the Police.

(2) If a person who delivers a prohibited item to an approved licensed dealer advises the dealer that an application for compensation is intended to be made in respect of the item, the dealer must—

(a) record, in the manner directed by the Commissioner,—

(i) the name of the dealer or employee of the dealer to whom the item was delivered; and

(ii) the date the item was delivered; and

(iii) the name and contact details of the person who delivered the item; and

(iv) the name and contact details of the owner of the item, if the person who delivered the item was not the owner of the item; and

(v) the number of the owner's firearm licence, if a licence is required in respect of the item; and

(vi) the particulars of the item (including, in the case of a firearm, the firearm's identification marking, calibre, make, and model); and

(vii) the bank account details of the owner of the item; and

(viii) any other information, including photographs, that the Commissioner may require to be recorded for the purposes of determining an application for compensation; and

(b) be satisfied as to the identity of the person who delivered the item and record the evidence relied on to establish the person's identity.

(3) If a person who delivers a prohibited item to an approved licensed dealer advises the dealer that an application for compensation is not intended to be made in respect of the item, the dealer must record, in the manner directed by the Commissioner,—

(a) the date the item was delivered; and

(b) the particulars of the item (including, in the case of a firearm, the firearm's identification marking, calibre, make, and model).

(4) Subclauses (2) and (3) override regulation 7(2).

(5) Sections 50A to 50C of the Act (unlawful possession of prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, and prohibited part) do not apply to an approved licensed dealer, or an employee of an approved licensed dealer, to whom a prohibited item is delivered under this regulation if the licensed dealer—

(a) notifies a member of the Police that the licensed dealer or employee has taken delivery of the item as soon as is reasonably practicable after taking delivery of the item; and

(b) complies with any direction from a member of the Police relating to—

(i) the surrender of the item to a member of the Police; and

(ii) the disclosure of the records made under subclauses (2) and (3); and

(iii) the disclosure of any other information that the member of the Police may require relating to the delivery of the item.

Regulation 28J: inserted, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 18 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 28J(2)(a)(vi): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 22 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 28J(2)(a)(vi): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 38 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Regulation 28J(3)(b): amended, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 22 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 28J(3)(b): amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 38 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

28K Administration fee payable to approved licensed dealer

The Police must pay to an approved licensed dealer $50 (excluding goods and services tax) in respect of each person who—

(a) delivers 1 or more prohibited items to the dealer (irrespective of the number of deliveries made by the person to the dealer and the total number of prohibited items delivered by the person to the dealer); and

(b) is paid compensation, under regulation 28L or 28P, in respect of any item.

Regulation 28K: inserted, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 18 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

28L Compensation for prohibited item during amnesty period

(1) This regulation applies to a person who,—

(a) before 3 pm on 21 March 2019, lawfully possessed a firearm that—

(i) was declared by the Arms (Military Style Semi-automatic Firearms) Order 2019 to be a military style semi-automatic firearm; and

(ii) became a prohibited item under the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019:

(b) before 12 April 2019, lawfully possessed an item that became a prohibited item under the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019.

(2) A person referred to in subclause (1) may apply for compensation from the Crown in respect of the prohibited item that they lawfully possessed as referred to in that subclause if,—

(a) during the amnesty period,—

(i) the item is delivered to—

(A) a member of the Police; or

(B) an approved licensed dealer for surrender to a member of the Police; or

(ii) arrangements are made for a member of the Police to collect the item; and

(b) during the amnesty period, the person does not apply for and obtain—

(i) an endorsement made under section 30B of the Act permitting the person to possess a prohibited firearm or prohibited magazine in their capacity as an exempt person; and

(ii) a permit issued under section 35A of the Act to possess the prohibited firearm or prohibited magazine.

(3) This regulation also applies to a person who, before 12 April 2019, arranged to lawfully import a firearm, magazine, or part that, on 12 April 2019, became a prohibited item.

(4) A person referred to in subclause (3) may apply for compensation from the Crown in respect of the prohibited item if—

(a) the item is being, or has been, treated as prohibited goods under section 98 of the Customs and Excise Act 2018:

(b) the item is, or has been, delivered to a member of the Police in accordance with an authorisation given by the chief executive of the New Zealand Customs Service under section 85(1)(b) of the Customs and Excise Act 2018:

(c) the item is forfeited to the Crown under section 176(1)(a) of the Customs and Excise Act 2018:

(d) the person, during the amnesty period, does not apply for and obtain—

(i) an endorsement made under section 30B of the Act permitting the person to possess a prohibited firearm or prohibited magazine in the capacity as an exempt person; and

(ii) a permit issued under section 35A of the Act to possess the prohibited firearm or prohibited magazine.

(4A) This regulation also applies to a person who, on or after 12 April 2019, lawfully possesses or lawfully imports a non-prohibited semi-automatic firearm (other than a pistol) that includes 1 or more prohibited parts.

(4B) A person referred to in subclause (4A) may apply for compensation from the Crown in respect of the 1 or more prohibited parts referred to in that subclause if,—

(a) during the amnesty period,—

(i) the prohibited part or parts are delivered to a member of the Police; or

(ii) arrangements are made for a member of the Police to collect the prohibited part or parts; and

(b) during the amnesty period, the person does not apply for and obtain an endorsement made under section 30B of the Act permitting the person to possess a prohibited firearm.

(5) An application for compensation under this regulation must be made before the end of the amnesty period by the person referred to in subclause (1), (3), or (4A) submitting to the Commissioner a completed application form.

(6) The amount of compensation payable in respect of a prohibited item that is referred to in subclause (2), (4), or (4B) is—

(a) the amount in respect of the prohibited item that is set out in a compensation schedule issued by the Commissioner; or

(b) the amount for the prohibited item that is determined by the Commissioner under regulation 28P.

(7) The Commissioner must make arrangements for the compensation for a prohibited item to be paid to the bank account nominated by the owner of the item.

(8) Subclause (6) is subject to regulation 28LA.

(9) In this regulation, **person** does not include a person who is described in—

(a) regulation 28R; or

(b) regulation 28RA; or

(c) regulation 28TA(1).

Regulation 28L: inserted, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 18 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 28L heading: replaced, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 9(1) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

Regulation 28L(2): replaced, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 9(2) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

Regulation 28L(4A): inserted, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 9(3) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

Regulation 28L(4B): inserted, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 9(3) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

Regulation 28L(5): amended, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 9(4) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

Regulation 28L(6): amended, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 9(5) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

Regulation 28L(8): inserted, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 9(6) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

Regulation 28L(9): inserted, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 9(6) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

28LA Compensation for large quantities of prohibited magazines or prohibited parts

(1) This regulation applies if a person applies for compensation under regulation 28L for a quantity of prohibited items that exceeds the quantity of prohibited items that the Commissioner considers appropriate for the reasonable personal use of the person.

(2) In determining the quantity of prohibited items that is appropriate for the reasonable personal use of a person, the Commissioner may consider—

(a) the number and type of firearms owned by the person in respect of which the prohibited items may be used; and

(b) the age of the prohibited items; and

(c) the quantity of the prohibited items typically possessed by the holder of a firearms licence who owns a firearm of the same kind as, or of a similar kind to, that owned by the person in respect of which the prohibited items may be used; and

(d) any other matter the Commissioner considers appropriate.

(3) The amount of compensation payable to a person in respect of the quantity of prohibited items is,—

(a) for the quantity the Commissioner considers appropriate for the reasonable personal use of the person, the sum of the amount of compensation payable in respect of each prohibited item, being—

(i) the amount for the item set out in a compensation schedule; or

(ii) the amount for the item determined by the Commissioner under regulation 28P; and

(b) for the remaining quantity, the sum of the amount of compensation payable in respect of each prohibited item, being the lowest of the following:

(i) the amount for the item set out in a compensation schedule:

(ii) the amount for the item determined by the Commissioner under regulation 28P:

(iii) the price for which the prohibited item was purchased by the person.

(4) In this regulation, **prohibited items** means—

(a) prohibited magazines; and

(b) prohibited parts; and

(c) prohibited magazines and prohibited parts.

Regulation 28LA: inserted, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 10 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

28LB Compensation for prohibited item after end of amnesty period

(1) This regulation applies to a person described in regulation 28L(1) or (3) to whom regulation 28L applies, and who—

(a) is an exempt person of or over the age of 18 years; and

(b) before the end of the amnesty period, applied for—

(i) an endorsement to be made on their firearms licence under section 30B of the Act permitting them to possess a prohibited firearm or prohibited magazine in their capacity as an exempt person; or

(ii) the issue of a permit, under section 35A of the Act, permitting them to possess, as the case may be,—

(A) the firearm or magazine referred to in regulation 28L(1) that became a prohibited item; or

(B) the firearm or magazine referred to in regulation 28L(3) that became a prohibited item; and

(c) after 20 November 2019, receives notification from a member of the Police that their application has been declined.

(2) This regulation also applies to a person described in regulation 28L(4A) to whom regulation 28L applies, and who—

(a) is an exempt person of or over the age of 18 years; and

(b) before the end of the amnesty period, applied for an endorsement to be made on their firearms licence under section 30B of the Act permitting them to possess a prohibited firearm; and

(c) after 20 November 2019, receives notification from a member of the Police that their application has been declined.

(3) This regulation also applies to a person who, before 12 April 2019, lawfully possessed a firearm described in regulation 28U(1) and who,—

(a) before the end of the amnesty period, arranged under regulation 28U(2) to have the firearm and its non-detachable magazine or magazines safely and permanently modified by an approved gunsmith to convert the firearm and magazine or magazines to non-prohibited items; and

(b) after 20 November 2019, receives advice from the approved gunsmith that the modification to the firearm cannot in fact be made.

(4) This regulation also applies to a person described in regulation 28UA(1), and who,—

(a) after the end of the amnesty period, arranges under regulation 28UA(2) with an approved gunsmith to have a firearm and its non-detachable magazine or magazines safely and permanently modified to convert the firearm and magazine or magazines to non-prohibited items; and

(b) after making those arrangements receives advice from the approved gunsmith that the modification to the firearm and magazine or magazines cannot in fact be made.

(5) A person described in subclause (1) may apply for compensation from the Crown in respect of the prohibited item referred to in subclause (1)(b)(ii) on or before the date that is the 30th day after the person receives the notification referred to in subclause (1)(c).

(6) A person described in subclause (2) may apply for compensation from the Crown in respect of the prohibited part or parts referred to in regulation 28L(4A) on or before the date that is the 30th day after the person receives the notification under subclause (2)(c).

(7) A person described in subclause (3) may apply for compensation from the Crown in respect of the firearm referred to in that subclause on or before the date that is the 30th day after the person receives the advice referred to in subclause (3)(b).

(8) A person described in subclause (4) may apply for compensation from the Crown in respect of the firearm and magazine or magazines referred to in that subclause on or before the date that is the 30th day after the person receives the advice referred to in subclause (4)(b).

(9) An application for compensation under subclause (5), (6), (7) or (8) in respect of a prohibited item may be made after the end of the amnesty period.

(10) An application must be made by—

(a) submitting to the Commissioner a completed application form; and

(b) either—

(i) delivering the item to a member of the Police; or

(ii) arranging for a member of the Police to collect the item.

(11) A person applying for compensation under this regulation may, at the same time as making the application, apply to the Commissioner in writing under regulation 28P to have the amount of compensation for the item determined by the Commissioner and not in accordance with a compensation schedule.

(12) The amount of compensation payable in respect of an application made under this regulation is—

(a) the amount in respect of the prohibited item that is set out in a compensation schedule; or

(b) the amount for the prohibited item that is determined by the Commissioner under regulation 28P.

(13) The Commissioner must make arrangements for the compensation for a prohibited item to be paid to the bank account nominated by the person.

Regulation 28LB: inserted, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 10 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

28LC Proof of possession or purchase price may be required

(1) This regulation applies to a person who,—

(a) before 12 April 2019, lawfully possessed an item that became a prohibited item under the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019; and

(b) applies under regulation 28L, 28LA, or 28LB for compensation in respect of that item.

(2) The person must provide to a member of the Police, if requested, proof of either or both of the following:

(a) that the person lawfully possessed the item before 12 April 2019:

(b) the price for which the person purchased the item.

Regulation 28LC: inserted, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 10 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

28M Compensation schedules to be issued by Commissioner

(1) The Commissioner must, as soon as is reasonably practicable, issue 1 or more compensation schedules setting out the amounts of compensation payable in respect of prohibited items delivered or surrendered to a member of the Police, or forfeited to the Crown.

(2) The Commissioner may, at any time before the close of 20 December 2020, do any of the following:

(a) amend a schedule by inserting, deleting, or replacing any item in a schedule:

(b) issue a replacement schedule:

(c) issue 1 or more supplementary schedules setting out the amounts of compensation payable in respect of prohibited items not included in any previously issued schedule.

(3) A compensation schedule issued under this regulation is secondary legislation (*see* Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019 for publication requirements).

Legislation Act 2019 requirements for secondary legislation made under this regulation		
Publication	The maker must: • notify it in the *Gazette* • make it available online at http://www.police.govt.nz	LA19 ss 73, 74(1)(a), Sch 1 cl 14
Presentation	It is not required to be presented to the House of Representatives because a transitional exemption applies under Schedule 1 of the Legislation Act 2019	LA19 s 114, Sch 1 cl 32(1)(a)
Disallowance	It may be disallowed by the House of Representatives	LA19 ss 115, 116

This note is not part of the secondary legislation.

Regulation 28M: inserted, on 20 June 2019, by regulation 18 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 28M(2): amended, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 11 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

Regulation 28M(3): replaced, on 28 October 2021, by regulation 137 of the Legislation Act (Subdelegated Secondary Legislation) Regulations 2021 (LI 2021/248).

28N Information required to be set out in compensation schedules

A compensation schedule must set out for each prohibited item (described by brand, type, and model)—

(a) the base price for the prohibited item, being the price that the Commissioner considers reflects the value of the item immediately before 10 March 2019, having taken into account—

(i) retailers' prices, and online prices, for the prohibited item; and

(ii) advice on the valuation of the prohibited item from industry specialists; and

(iii) in the case of a prohibited firearm, whether the firearm was, as at 10 March 2019, a current, superseded, or discontinued model; and

(b) the amount of compensation payable in respect of the prohibited item depending on its condition as determined by a member of the Police and calculated as a percentage of the base price of the item, as follows:

(i) for a prohibited firearm—

(A) in new or near-new condition, 95% of the base price:

(B) in used condition, 70% of the base price:

(C) in poor condition, 25% of the base price:

(ii) for a prohibited magazine or part,—

(A) in new or used condition, 70% of the base price:

(B) in poor condition, 25% of the base price.

Regulation 28N: inserted, on 20 June 2019, by regulation 18 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

28O Indicators for determining condition of prohibited item to be published

The Commissioner must publish online at http://www.police.govt.nz the indicators used to determine for the purposes of regulation 28N—

(a) whether the condition of a prohibited firearm is—

(i) new or near-new:

(ii) used:

(iii) poor; and

(b) whether the condition of a prohibited magazine or prohibited part is—

(i) new or used:

(ii) poor.

Regulation 28O: inserted, on 20 June 2019, by regulation 18 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

28P Compensation for unique prohibited item

(1) The following persons may apply to the Commissioner in writing to have the amount of compensation for a prohibited item determined by the Commissioner and not in accordance with a compensation schedule:

(a) a person referred to in regulation 28L(1), (3), or (4A) who is making an application under regulation 28L(2), (4), or (4B):

(b) a person referred to in regulation 28LB(1), (2), (3), or (4) who is making an application under regulation 28LB(9).

(1A) An application under subclause (1) must be made at the same time as the application being made under regulation 28L(5) or 28LB(9), as the case may be.

(2) A person may make an application under subclause (1) only if—

(a) the prohibited item is not listed in a compensation schedule and it—

(i) is rare or has other distinguishing characteristics that significantly affect its value; or

(ii) is otherwise unique, and is substantially different from any other prohibited item listed in a compensation schedule; or

(b) the prohibited item is listed in a compensation schedule, but the item has been modified in such a manner and to such an extent that the person has reasonable grounds to believe that the value of the item is at least 30% above the base price for that item listed in the schedule.

(3) An application for compensation in respect of a prohibited item is made by submitting to the Commissioner—

(a) a completed application form; and

(b) evidence of the value of the item; and

(c) if available, evidence of the amount for which the person purchased the item; and

(d) if the application is made in reliance on subclause (2)(a)(i), evidence of the item's rarity or other distinguishing characteristics that significantly affect its value and, in respect of any distinguishing characteristics, how those characteristics significantly affect its value; and

(e) if the application is made in reliance on subclause (2)(a)(ii), an explanation of why the item is considered unique and substantially different from any other prohibited item listed in a compensation schedule; and

(f) if the application is made in reliance on subclause (2)(b), evidence of the cost of the modifications, and details of the grounds on which the person believes the value of the item is at least 30% above the base price for the item listed in a compensation schedule; and

(g) an application fee of $120 (excluding goods and services tax).

(4) After receiving an application, the Commissioner may require the applicant to—

(a) obtain a valuation of the prohibited item from an approved valuer chosen by the applicant; and

(b) pay the cost of that valuation; and

(c) submit the prohibited item to a member of the Police for inspection.

(5) The Commissioner must, as soon as is reasonably practicable after considering an application, all information accompanying that application under subclause (3), any valuation obtained under subclause (4), and any other information or advice that is available to the Commissioner or that the Commissioner has obtained relating to the value of the item (including the value of the item, if any, specified in a compensation schedule),—

(a) determine the amount of compensation payable in respect of the item that is—

(i) the amount for the item listed in a compensation schedule; or

(ii) any other amount.

(b) give the applicant written notice of that determination.

(6) In this regulation, **approved valuer** means a valuer who is approved by the Commissioner and whose name is included in the list of approved valuers held by the Police.

Regulation 28P: inserted, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 18 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 28P(1): replaced, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 12(1) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

Regulation 28P(1A): inserted, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 12(1) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

Regulation 28P(5)(a): replaced, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 12(2) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

Compensation payable to licensed dealers for delivery of prohibited items to Police

Heading: inserted, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 18 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

28Q Licensed dealers required to mitigate losses

(1) Before applying for compensation under regulation 28R, a licensed dealer must take all reasonable steps in the circumstances to mitigate their losses sustained in respect of prohibited items (for example, cancelling orders before shipment or returning items to suppliers).

(2) When making an application for compensation under regulation 28R, a licensed dealer must provide evidence of the reasonable steps they have taken under subclause (1).

Regulation 28Q: inserted, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 18 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

28R Licensed dealers entitled to claim compensation for prohibited items before end of amnesty period

(1) This regulation applies to a licensed dealer who,—

(a) before 3 pm on 21 March 2019, lawfully purchased or ordered a firearm that—

(i) was declared by the Arms (Military Style Semi-automatic Firearms) Order 2019 to be a military style semi-automatic firearm; and

(ii) became a prohibited item under the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019:

(b) before 12 April 2019, lawfully purchased or ordered an item that became a prohibited item under the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019.

(1A) This regulation also applies to a licensed dealer who, on or after 12 April 2019, lawfully possesses or imports a non-prohibited semi-automatic firearm that includes 1 or more prohibited parts.

(2) A licensed dealer referred to in subclause (1) or (1A) may apply for compensation from the Crown in respect of the prohibited item if, at the date of the dealer's application,—

(a) the item is held by the dealer, but is subject to arrangements that have been made for its delivery to a member of the Police:

(b) the item is subject to the control of the New Zealand Customs Service:

(c) the item has been forfeited to the Crown under section 176(1)(a) of the Customs and Excise Act 2018:

(d) the item has been delivered by the New Zealand Customs Service to the Police under section 85(1)(b) of the Customs and Excise Act 2018.

(3) An application for compensation under this regulation must be made before the end of the amnesty period by submitting to the Commissioner a completed application form.

(4) Only 1 application for compensation may be submitted by a licensed dealer for all prohibited items for which the dealer seeks compensation unless the Police are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances preventing the dealer from making only 1 application.

(5) An application for compensation that is referred to in regulation 28S(1) must be accompanied by documentary evidence (for example, records or receipts held by the dealer) to support all amounts of compensation claimed.

(6) An application for compensation that is referred to in regulation 28S(2) or (3) must, if possible, be accompanied by documentary evidence (for example, records or receipts held by the dealer) to support all amounts of compensation claimed.

Regulation 28R: inserted, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 18 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 28R heading: amended, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 13(1) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

Regulation 28R(1A): inserted, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 13(2) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

Regulation 28R(2): amended, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 13(3) of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

28RA Licensed dealers entitled to claim compensation for prohibited items after end of amnesty period

(1) This regulation applies to a licensed dealer who—

(a) is described in regulation 28R(1); and

(b) before the end of the amnesty period, applied for—

(i) an endorsement to be made on their dealer's licence under section 30B of the Act permitting them to possess a prohibited firearm or prohibited magazine in their capacity as a licensed dealer; or

(ii) the issue of a permit, under section 35A of the Act, permitting them to possess a firearm or magazine referred to in regulation 28R(1) that became a prohibited item; and

(c) after 20 November 2019, receives notification from a member of the Police that their application has been declined.

(2) A licensed dealer described in subclause (1) may apply for compensation from the Crown in respect of the prohibited item referred to in that subclause if,—

(a) at the date of the dealer's application, the item is held by the dealer but is subject to arrangements that have been made for its delivery to a member of the Police; and

(b) an application is made on or before the date that is the 30th day after the licensed dealer receives the notification referred to in subclause (1)(c).

(3) This regulation also applies to a licensed dealer who—

(a) is described in regulation 28R(1A); and

(b) before the end of the amnesty period, applied for an endorsement to be made on their dealer's licence under section 30B of the Act permitting them to possess a prohibited firearm; and

(c) after 20 November 2019, receives notification from a member of the Police that their application has been declined.

(4) A licensed dealer described in subclause (3) may apply for compensation from the Crown in respect of the prohibited part or parts referred to in regulation 28R(1A) if,—

(a) at the date of the dealer's application, the part or parts are held by the dealer but are subject to arrangements that have been made for their delivery to a member of the Police; and

(b) an application is made on or before the date that is the 30th day after the dealer receives the notification referred to in subclause (3)(c).

(5) An application for compensation under subclause (2) or (4) may be made after the end of the amnesty period.

(6) An application must be made by submitting to the Commissioner a completed application form.

(7) The amount of compensation payable in respect of an application made under this regulation is the amount payable under regulation 28S.

(8) An application for compensation referred to in regulation 28S(1) must be accompanied by documentary evidence (for example, records or receipts held by the dealer) to support all amounts of compensation claimed.

(9) An application for compensation referred to in regulation 28S(2) and (3) must, if possible, be accompanied by documentary evidence (for example, records or receipts held by the dealer) to support all amounts of compensation claimed.

Regulation 28RA: inserted, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 14 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

28S Amount of compensation payable

(1) A licensed dealer who, at the date of their application holds a prohibited item that was purchased new, may apply for compensation in respect of—

(a) the purchase price of the item; and

(b) any external costs reasonably incurred that are directly attributable to, or that may be apportioned to, the purchase of the item, including domestic and international freight costs.

(2) A licensed dealer who at the date of their application holds a prohibited item that was purchased second-hand may apply for compensation in respect of—

(a) either—

(i) the purchase price of the item; or

(ii) the amount payable for an equivalent item specified in a compensation schedule, if the dealer is unable to provide evidence, or sufficient evidence, of the purchase price of the item; and

(b) any external costs reasonably incurred that are directly attributable to, or that may be apportioned to, the purchase of the item, including domestic and international freight costs.

(3) A licensed dealer who at the date of their application holds a prohibited item that was received as a trade-in may apply for compensation in respect of—

(a) the value for which the dealer received the item (the **trade-in value**); or

(b) the amount payable for an equivalent item specified in a compensation schedule, if the dealer is unable to provide evidence, or sufficient evidence, of the trade-in value of the item.

(4) A licensed dealer who has imported a prohibited item that is subject to the control of the New Zealand Customs Service, or that has been delivered by the New Zealand Customs Service to the Police, and that is unable to be returned to the supplier may apply for compensation in respect of—

(a) the purchase price of the item; and

(b) any external costs reasonably incurred that are directly attributable to, or that may be apportioned to, the importation of the item, including international freight costs.

(5) A licensed dealer who has imported a prohibited item that has been forfeited to the Crown may apply for compensation in respect of—

(a) the purchase price of the item; and

(b) any external costs reasonably incurred that are directly attributable to, or that may be apportioned to, the importation of the item, including international freight costs.

(6) The amount of compensation payable to a licensed dealer under this regulation is determined by the Commissioner, but in the case of an application for compensation referred to in subclause (2)(a) or (3)(a) may not exceed the amount of compensation payable in respect of the equivalent item specified in a compensation schedule.

(7) If the Commissioner is not satisfied that a licensed dealer has taken all reasonable steps to mitigate their losses as required by regulation 28Q, the Commissioner may determine that—

(a) no compensation is payable to the dealer under this regulation; or

(b) a reduced amount of compensation is payable to the dealer under this regulation.

Regulation 28S: inserted, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 18 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

28T No other compensation payable

A licensed dealer is not entitled to receive compensation in their capacity as a licensed dealer except as provided in regulations 28R, 28RA, and 28TA.

Regulation 28T: inserted, on 21 June 2019, by regulation 18 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136).

Regulation 28T: amended, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 15 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

Compensation payable to manufacturers of prohibited magazines and prohibited parts

Heading: inserted, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 16 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

28TA Manufacturers entitled to claim compensation for prohibited magazines and prohibited parts

(1) This regulation applies to any person (including a licensed dealer) who,—

(a) before 12 April 2019, manufactured from raw materials an item that became a prohibited item under the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019; and

(b) is not a person described in regulation 28F to whom section 4A of the Act applies.

(2) A person referred to in subclause (1) may apply for compensation from the Crown in respect of a prohibited item that they manufactured as referred to in that subclause if, at the date of the person's application,—

(a) the item is delivered to a member of the Police; or

(b) arrangements have been made with the Police for the item to be delivered to a member of the Police.

(3) A person who applies for compensation under this regulation in respect of a prohibited item may claim compensation in respect of only the following:

(a) the purchase price of the raw materials used in the manufacture of the item; and

(b) any costs incurred that are directly attributable to the manufacture of the item.

(4) An application for compensation must be made before the end of the amnesty period by submitting to the Commissioner a completed application form that includes a statement of the date of manufacture of the prohibited item.

(5) An application for compensation must be accompanied by documentary evidence (for example, records or receipts held by the person) to support all amounts of compensation claimed.

(6) The amount of compensation payable to a person under this regulation for a prohibited item is determined by the Commissioner, taking into account—

(a) the amount of compensation claimed in accordance with subclause (3); and

(b) the condition of the item in respect of which compensation is claimed.

(7) In this regulation, **prohibited item** means either or both of the following:

(a) a prohibited magazine:

(b) a prohibited part.

Regulation 28TA: inserted, on 29 November 2019, by regulation 16 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288).

Additional transitional and savings provisions relating to Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019

[Revoked]

Heading: revoked, on the close of 31 December 2020, pursuant to section 74C(3)(b) of the Arms Act 1983 (1983 No 44).

28U Converting prohibited item to non-prohibited item before end of amnesty period

[Revoked]

Regulation 28U: revoked, on the close of 31 December 2020, by section 74C(3)(b) of the Arms Act 1983 (1983 No 44).

28UA Converting prohibited item to non-prohibited item after end of amnesty period

[Revoked]

Regulation 28UA: revoked, on the close of 31 December 2020, by section 74C(3)(b) of the Arms Act 1983 (1983 No 44).

28V Return of prohibited items to supplier by licensed dealer

[Revoked]

Regulation 28V: revoked, on the close of 31 December 2020, by section 74C(3)(b) of the Arms Act 1983 (1983 No 44).

28W Certain provisions not to apply to approved licensed dealers, valuers, and approved gunsmiths

[Revoked]

Regulation 28W: revoked, on the close of 31 December 2020, by section 74C(3)(b) of the Arms Act 1983 (1983 No 44).

28WA Certain provisions not to apply to other specified persons

[Revoked]

Regulation 28WA: revoked, on 20 December 2020, by regulation 28WA(3).

28X Appeal in respect of payments made under regulation 28U or 28V

[Revoked]

Regulation 28X: revoked, on the close of 31 December 2020, by section 74C(3)(b) of the Arms Act 1983 (1983 No 44).

Prohibited ammunition

[Revoked]

Heading: revoked, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 31 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

28Y Certain persons may possess prohibited ammunition

[Revoked]

Regulation 28Y: revoked, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 31 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

28Z Temporary amnesty for persons possessing prohibited ammunition

[Revoked]

Regulation 28Z: revoked, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 40 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Compensation for specified items and specified parts

Heading: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 4 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

28ZA Compensation scheme and related provisions for purposes of Part 2 of Schedule 1 of Arms Act 1983

The compensation and related provisions in Schedule 2 apply according to their terms for the purposes of Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Arms Act 1983.

Regulation 28ZA: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 4 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

Part 8
Miscellaneous matters

Part 8 heading: inserted, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 32 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Extension of licences and endorsements because of 2021 COVID-19 outbreak [Revoked]

Heading: revoked, on the close of 30 November 2022, pursuant to regulation 28ZD(9).

28ZB Extension of licences

[Revoked]

Regulation 28ZB: revoked, on the close of 30 November 2022, by regulation 28ZB(10).

28ZC Extension of endorsements made under section 30 or 30B of Act on licences held by employees of licensed dealers

[Revoked]

Regulation 28ZC: revoked, on the close of 30 November 2022, by regulation 28ZC(10).

28ZD Extension of endorsements made under section 30B of Act on licences held by specified exempt persons for purposes of wild animal and pest control

[Revoked]

Regulation 28ZD: revoked, on the close of 30 November 2022, by regulation 28ZD(9).

Extension of licences and endorsements because of states of emergency declared in January, February, and March 2023 under Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002

Heading: inserted, on 14 April 2023, by regulation 4 of the Arms (Extension of Licences and Endorsements) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/55).

28ZDA Interpretation

In regulations 28ZDB and 28ZDC,—

address,—

(a) in relation to the holder of a dealer's licence, means the address of the holder's place of business recorded in respect of the licence by the Police as at 11 January 2023; and

(b) in relation to the holder of a firearms licence, means the residential address of the holder recorded in respect of the licence by the Police as at 11 January 2023

affected areas means the following regions and districts over which states of emergency were declared under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 for periods during 10 January 2023 to 14 March 2023:

(a) the regions of Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne, and Hawke's Bay; and

(b) the districts of Hauraki and Tararua

specified period means the period—

(a) starting on 11 January 2023; and

(b) ending at 5 pm on 31 August 2023.

Regulation 28ZDA: inserted, on 14 April 2023, by regulation 4 of the Arms (Extension of Licences and Endorsements) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/55).

28ZDB Extension of licences

(1) This regulation applies despite sections 8(2) and 25(1) of the Act.

(2) Subclause (3) applies if—

(a) a licence (an **original licence**) expired, or expires, on a date during the specified period; and

(b) the holder of the original licence had not applied before the start of the specified period—

(i) to renew the original licence, if the original licence was a dealer's licence; or

(ii) for a new firearms licence to replace the original licence, if the original licence was a firearms licence; and

(c) the address of the holder of the original licence is in an affected area and has a postcode specified in Schedule 3.

(3) If this subclause applies, the original licence, unless it is sooner surrendered or revoked, does not expire on its expiry date but must be treated as continuing in force until,—

(a) if an application for a new firearms licence to replace the original licence, or for the renewal of a dealer's original licence, is made before the end of the specified period by the licence holder, the date on which the licence holder is notified of the determination made on that application; or

(b) if an application for a new firearms licence to replace the original licence, or for the renewal of a dealer's original licence, is not made before the end of the specified period by the licence holder, the end of the specified period.

(4) While an original licence is treated as continuing in force under subclause (3),—

(a) any endorsement on the original licence continues to apply unless sooner surrendered or revoked; and

(b) any condition to which an endorsement is subject continues to apply unless sooner revoked; and

(c) any condition to which the original licence is subject continues to apply.

(5) In this regulation, unless the context otherwise requires, **licence** means—

(a) a dealer's licence; or

(b) a firearms licence (other than a licence referred to in section 25(2) of the Act granted to a visitor to New Zealand).

Regulation 28ZDB: inserted, on 14 April 2023, by regulation 4 of the Arms (Extension of Licences and Endorsements) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/55).

28ZDC Extension of endorsements made under section 30B of Act on licences held by specified exempt persons for purposes of wild animal and pest control

(1) This regulation applies despite section 33C(2)(a) of the Act.

(2) Subclause (3) applies if—

(a) an endorsement made under section 30B of the Act at any time after 12 April 2019 on a firearms licence held by a specified exempt person (an **original endorsement**)—

(i) permits the specified exempt person to possess a prohibited firearm or prohibited magazine in their capacity as a specified exempt person; and

(ii) expired, or expires, on a date during the specified period other than because the specified exempt person's licence expires; and

(b) the specified exempt person had not applied before the commencement of the specified period for a new endorsement to replace the original endorsement; and

(c) the address of the specified exempt person is in an affected area and has a postcode specified in Schedule 3.

(3) If this subclause applies, the original endorsement, unless it is sooner surrendered or revoked, does not expire on its expiry date but must be treated as continuing in force until,—

(a) if an application for a new endorsement is made to replace the original endorsement before the end of the specified period by the specified exempt person, the date on which the specified exempt person is notified of the determination made on that application; or

(b) if an application for a new endorsement is not made to replace the original endorsement before the end of the specified period by the specified exempt person, the end of the specified period.

(4) While an original endorsement is treated as continuing in force under subclause (3), any condition to which the original endorsement is subject continues to apply.

(5) A new endorsement issued on an application referred to in subclause (3)(a) comes into force on the date it is made.

(6) In this regulation, **specified exempt person** means a person described in section 4A(1)(f), (g), (h), (i), or (j) of the Act.

Regulation 28ZDC: inserted, on 14 April 2023, by regulation 4 of the Arms (Extension of Licences and Endorsements) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/55).

Authorisations for Commissioner to prescribe forms, etc, and give directions

Heading: inserted, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 26 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Heading (formerly above regulation 28A): repositioned, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 25 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

28ZE Applications, etc, in electronic form must comply with other prescribed requirements

An application or other thing that, under these regulations, may be made or done electronically through an Internet site must be made or done in accordance with the requirements that the Commissioner prescribes under regulation 28ZF (if any) as well as the requirements specified in these regulations.

Regulation 28ZE (former regulation 28A): inserted, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 26 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 28ZE: renumbered, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 26 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

28ZF Commissioner may prescribe, approve, and require use of forms, etc

The Commissioner may prescribe or approve forms (including electronic forms) of applications, permits, licences, endorsements, registers, and other documents required for the purposes of the Act and require that those forms be used.

Regulation 28ZF (former regulation 28B): inserted, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 26 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 28ZF: renumbered, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 27 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

28ZG Commissioner may direct who may issue licences, etc, and grant endorsements

The Commissioner may direct that only certain members of the Police may issue permits or licences or grant endorsements or issue improvement notices or temporary suspension notices under the Act.

Regulation 28ZG (former regulation 28C): inserted, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 26 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

Regulation 28ZG: renumbered, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 28 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Regulation 28ZG: amended, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 36 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

Other miscellaneous matters

Heading: replaced, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 33 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

29 Inspection of firearms under section 24B of Act

When a member of the Police carries out an inspection under section 24B(1)(c) of the Act of a licence holder's firearms, they may also record the quantity and type of each firearm.

Regulation 29: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 41 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

29 Inspection of pistols, military style semi-automatic firearms, and restricted weapons

[Revoked]

Regulation 29: revoked, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

29A Endorsement on mail order or Internet sale of arms item or ammunition

(1) A person who wishes to apply for a member of the Police to sign a written hard copy purchase order or approve an electronic purchase order for a mail order or Internet sale of an arms item or ammunition for the purposes of section 43A of the Act may submit the order—

(a) by delivering it personally in hard copy form to a Police Station; or

(b) electronically through an Internet site.

(2) The written order signed by the Police must be sent by Police directly to the seller.

(3) However, section 43A(1) and (2) of the Act does not apply to a non-prohibited part (other than the action of a firearm) that is transferred between dealers.

Regulation 29A: replaced, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 42 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

29B Provisions relating to surrender of firearms

(1) If a firearm, airgun, pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, prohibited item, or restricted weapon is surrendered by a dealer under section 59A of the Act, the Police, after establishing that there is no lawful owner of the item and that it has not been involved in a crime, may return the item to the dealer if appropriate in the circumstances.

(2) The return of any item is subject to any conditions imposed by a member of the Police by notice in writing and agreed to by the dealer.

(3) In the case of a prohibited firearm, pistol, pistol carbine conversion kit, or restricted weapon, the return of an item is also subject to the condition that the dealer holds the necessary permit to possess the item and is subject to any conditions of that permit.

Regulation 29B: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 42 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

29C Purchaser must notify Police if item not delivered

(1) If the holder of a firearms licence or dealer's licence places a purchase order for a firearm, pistol, prohibited magazine, prohibited part, or restricted weapon and that item is not delivered to the holder within a reasonable time, the holder must, as soon as they have established that the item has not been delivered or has gone missing, notify a member of the Police of the occurrence.

(2) A person who contravenes subclause (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding $500.

Regulation 29C: inserted, on 1 February 2022, by regulation 42 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434).

30 Photographs

(1) A person who is required to supply a photograph under section 34A of the Act must supply a photograph that—

(a) has been taken not more than 12 months before the date on which the person supplies it; and

(b) is a full frontal view of the person's face, head, and shoulders, with the head filling most of the photograph; and

(c) is of the person without a hat or head covering (except where the person's religion requires the wearing of a hat or head covering); and

(d) has a plain, light-coloured background; and

(e) is a colour photograph; and

(f) is a good likeness of the person.

(2) The requirements in subclauses (3) and (4) are additional to the requirements in subclause (1).

(3) A person who makes an application in writing in hard copy form and is required to supply 1 or more photographs for the purposes of the application must comply with the following requirements:

(a) each photograph must be delivered by hand, in hard copy form, to the Arms Office at which the person is making, or has made, the application; and

(b) each photograph supplied must be—

(i) 45 mm by 35 mm untrimmed; and

(ii) on good-quality paper; and

(iii) if the person is required to supply more than 1 photograph, identical to each other photograph supplied.

(4) A person who makes an application electronically through an Internet site and is required to supply a photograph must supply, in the manner prescribed by the Commissioner, a digital photograph that complies with the requirements in subclause (1)(a) to (f) and any technical requirements prescribed by the Commissioner.

Regulation 30: replaced, on 17 January 2019, by regulation 28 of the Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271).

30A Staff members of corrections prisons may carry or possess pepper spray

(1) In this regulation,—

corrections prison has the same meaning as in section 3(1) of the Corrections Act 2004

pepper spray has the same meaning as in regulation 123A of the Corrections Regulations 2005

staff member has the same meaning as in section 3(1) of the Corrections Act 2004.

(2) A staff member of a corrections prison may carry or possess pepper spray belonging to the Crown in accordance with the Corrections Regulations 2005.

Regulation 30A: inserted, on 1 January 2010, by regulation 4 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2009 (SR 2009/373).

Regulation 30A(1) **pepper spray**: amended, on 1 July 2017, by regulation 6(2) of the Corrections Amendment Regulations 2017 (LI 2017/113).

Regulation 30A(2): amended, on 1 July 2017, by regulation 6(3) of the Corrections Amendment Regulations 2017 (LI 2017/113).

31 Power to authorise carriage of firearms by officers of penal institutions

[Revoked]

Regulation 31: revoked, on 1 June 2005, by section 207 of the Corrections Act 2004 (2004 No 50).

31A Armoury contractors may handle weapons in certain cases

(1) If an armoury contractor is administering a defence armoury in a defence area, the armoury contractor and the armoury contractor's employees, while in that defence area, may carry or possess firearms, airguns, pistols, prohibited magazines, prohibited parts, restricted weapons, ammunition, or explosives belonging to the Crown if the contract under which the armoury contractor is administering that defence armoury complies with subclause (2).

(2) The contract must provide for—

(a) adequate security of the defence armoury to ensure that firearms, airguns, pistols, prohibited magazines, prohibited parts, restricted weapons, ammunition, or explosives are stored securely and accounted for at all times; and

(b) the Chief of Defence Force to monitor the performance of the armoury contractor in administering the defence armoury.

Regulation 31A: inserted, on 15 June 1998, by regulation 3 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 1998 (SR 1998/155).

Regulation 31A(1): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Regulation 31A(2)(a): amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

31B Chief of Defence Force to notify Commissioner of irregularities

If an armoury contractor is administering a defence armoury, the Chief of Defence Force must notify the Commissioner immediately after the Chief of Defence Force becomes aware that any firearm, airgun, pistol, prohibited magazine, prohibited part, restricted weapon, ammunition, or explosive is lost from or is unaccounted for at that defence armoury.

Regulation 31B: inserted, on 15 June 1998, by regulation 3 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 1998 (SR 1998/155).

Regulation 31B: amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

31C Defence Force Orders not affected

These regulations do not limit or affect any Defence Force Order issued under section 27 of the Defence Act 1990.

Regulation 31C: inserted, on 15 June 1998, by regulation 3 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 1998 (SR 1998/155).

32 Replacement of lost licence, etc

(1) On application by any person to whom a licence or permit has been issued, and on proof to the satisfaction of a member of the Police by statement in writing, statutory declaration, or other evidence that the licence or permit or any copy of the licence or permit has been lost, destroyed, or mutilated, or has become illegible, and on payment of the prescribed fee, the member of the Police may,

at any time during the currency of the licence or permit, issue to the applicant a duplicate of the licence or permit, including any endorsement made thereon, or a new licence.

(2) *[Revoked]*

Regulation 32(2): revoked, on 1 February 1999, by regulation 3 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 1998 (SR 1998/466).

33 Fees for applications and matters relating to licences

(1) The fees specified in column A of Schedule 1 are payable, in respect of the licence applications and matters set out in that schedule, in respect of the period beginning on 1 February 1999 and ending with the close of 31 July 1999.

(2) The fees specified in column B of Schedule 1 are payable, in respect of the licence applications and matters set out in that schedule, on and after 1 August 1999.

(3) All fees must be prepaid.

Regulation 33: replaced, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 34 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

33A Fees relating to shooting clubs and shooting ranges

(1) The fees in Schedule 1A are payable in respect of the applications and matters set out in that schedule.

(2) The fees must be prepaid.

Regulation 33A: inserted, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 35 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

34 Goods and services tax included

The fees prescribed by these regulations are inclusive of goods and services tax under the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985.

35 Revocations

The Arms Regulations 1984 (SR 1984/121) and the Arms Regulations 1984, Amendment No 1 (SR 1988/40) are hereby revoked.

Part 9
Arms registry

Part 9: inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 23 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

36 Interpretation

(1) In this Part and Schedule 1B,—

arms item—

(a) means any firearm (including a prohibited firearm), prohibited magazine, major firearm part, restricted weapon, or pistol carbine conversion kit; but

(b) does not include a specified firearm

specified firearm means any firearm specified or described in or under section 22(1) of the Act that a person may possess without holding a firearms licence.

(2) In this Part and Schedule 1B, a dealer or an ammunition seller must be treated as an individual firearms licence holder in relation to any arms items or ammunition in their possession that are primarily for their personal use.

Regulation 36: inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 23 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 36(1): replaced, on 28 July 2023, by regulation 6 of the Arms Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2023 (SL 2023/181).

37 How to provide information for purposes of registry

(1) Except as otherwise provided in the Act or these regulations, information that the Act or these regulations require to be provided to the Police for the purposes of entry in the registry must be provided in a manner or form determined by the Commissioner.

(2) Until regulation 42(1) applies in relation to a dealer, regulation 7F applies in relation to keeping records.

(3) Until regulation 42(3) applies in relation to an ammunition seller, the ammunition seller must continue to record, in accordance with section 22E(1) of the Act, the relevant details of their sales of ammunition.

(4) To avoid doubt, if the transfer of an arms item by a dealer or firearm's licence holder or the sale of ammunition by a dealer or an ammunition seller to a firearms licence holder is made by mail order or over the Internet, the applicable provisions in sections 35 to 38 and 43A of the Act apply.

(5) However, for the purposes of regulation 41, a person must be treated as having provided the relevant information specified in Parts 1 and 2 of Schedule 1B for the registry if the information is already held by the Police.

Regulation 37: inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 23 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

38 Information relating to firearms licence holders

A firearms licence holder must provide to the Police the relevant details specified in Part 1 of Schedule 1B in the time frame specified in Part 5 of that schedule.

Regulation 38: inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 23 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

39 Information relating to dealer's licence holders

A dealer's licence holder must provide to the Police relevant details specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1B in the time frame specified in Part 5 of that schedule.

Regulation 39: inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 23 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

40 Arms items to be recorded in registry

(1) All arms items must be recorded in the registry.

(2) Firearms licence holders who possess arms items, firearms licence holders who possess arms items on behalf of a shooting club or shooting range, and dealer's licence holders who possess arms items must provide to the Police the relevant details specified in Part 3 of Schedule 1B.

Regulation 40: inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 23 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

41 Initial obligation to provide information for registry if activating circumstance occurs

(1) This regulation applies if a person is a licence holder under the Act immediately before subclause (3) or (4) applies, and, on or after that date, the person—

(a) applies for a licence or an endorsement under the Act; or

(b) has a change to the information relating to the circumstances specified in Part 1 or 2 of Schedule 1B that is relevant to the person; or

(c) has responsibility in relation to any event specified in Part 4 of Schedule 1B; or

(d) is subject to compliance or enforcement action by the Police under the Act, including inspections of storage security and arms items, warnings, improvement notices, temporary suspensions of licences, and criminal charges under the Act; or

(e) purchases ammunition after 24 June 2025.

(2) On the first instance of any of those things (the **activating circumstance**) occurring, the person must provide to the Police in accordance with subclauses (3) to (7)—

(a) the information relating to the licence holder that is required by regulation 38 or 39; and

(b) the particulars of all arms items in their possession in accordance with regulation 40 and Part 3 of Schedule 1B; and

(c) the relevant details about the event referred to in subclause (1)(c) that is specified in Part 4 of Schedule 1B (if applicable and known).

(3) In the case of an individual firearms licence holder, the obligation in subclause (2) applies to an activating circumstance that occurs on or after 24 June 2023

and the licence holder must provide the relevant information specified in subclause (2)—

(a) within the time frame specified in Part 5 of Schedule 1B (if applicable); or

(b) in any other case, within 30 days after the date of the activating circumstance.

(4) In the case of a dealer's licence holder, the obligation in subclause (2) applies to an activating circumstance that occurs on or after a date determined by the Commissioner for that dealer or 24 June 2027, whichever occurs earlier, and the licence holder must provide the relevant information specified in subclause (2)—

(a) within the time frame specified in Part 5 of Schedule 1B (if applicable); or

(b) in any other case, within 30 days after the date of the activating circumstance.

(5) The Commissioner may, in relation to an individual firearms licence holder, extend the time frames in subclause (3) for providing the information to a later date no more than 60 days after the date of the activating circumstance, except where regulation 13 applies.

(6) If no activating circumstance occurs before 24 June 2028 in relation to a person who is a licence holder under the Act immediately before subclause (3) or (4) applies, they must, not later than 31 August 2028, provide to the Police for entry in the registry the information and particulars specified in subclause (2)(a) and (b).

(7) To avoid doubt, once the obligation to provide information for the registry is activated and a person complies with that obligation in that instance, the person is not required to provide any further information under this regulation.

Regulation 41: inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 23 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Regulation 41(4): amended, on 24 June 2025, by regulation 6 of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

42 Obligation to update licence holder information and record events relating to arms items and ammunition in the registry

(1) A licence holder must provide to the Police for entry in the registry—

(a) details of any change in the information recorded about the person under regulation 38 or 39, as soon as practicable after the change occurs; and

(b) relevant details of any event specified in Part 4 of Schedule 1B for which the person is responsible, within the time frame specified in Part 5 of that schedule.

(2) A person who is a licence holder under the Act immediately before regulation 41(3) or (4) applies must provide the information specified in subclause (1)

in addition to the information required by regulation 41(2), and continue to comply with this regulation from the time at which they are required to comply with regulation 41(2).

(3) On and from a date determined by the Commissioner or 24 June 2025, whichever occurs earlier, ammunition sellers must provide to the Police for entry in the registry sales of ammunition in accordance with the relevant details specified in Part 4 of Schedule 1B and the time frame specified in Part 5 of that schedule.

Regulation 42: inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 23 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

43 Information to be provided by executors, administrators, and persons with power of attorney

(1) This regulation applies if a person—

(a) becomes an executor or administrator of the estate of a deceased person who was in possession of an arms item or items; or

(b) holds a power of attorney in relation to the property of an incapacitated person who is in possession of an arms item or items.

(2) The executor, administrator, or holder of the power of attorney must provide to the Police for entry in the registry,—

(a) in relation to an executor or administrator, their name and bona fides and a photocopy or electronically scanned copy or photograph of the death certificate; and

(b) in relation to a holder of a power of attorney, their name and bona fides; and

(c) details of any identification markings on the arms item or items (such as a serial number); and

(d) the relevant details specified in item (1)(a)(i), (ii), and (iii) of Part 4 of Schedule 1B about any transfer of the arms item or items to a licensed dealer or firearms licence holder.

(3) The information must be provided as soon as practicable after the relevant event specified in subclause (1)(a) or (b) occurs.

Regulation 43: inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 23 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

44 When information required to be provided to Police

(1) If these regulations require a person to provide information to the Police for entry in the registry, the person must provide the information within the time specified or indicated (as applicable)—

(a) in regulation 41(3)(b) or (4)(b); or

(b) in Part 5 of Schedule 1B.

(2) Arms items owned by the Department of Conservation must be recorded in the registry on and from a date agreed to in writing by the Commissioner and the Director-General of Conservation.

Regulation 44: inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 23 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

45 Who may access registry information

(1) The following persons are entitled to access the registry information:

(a) members of the Police may access the registry information while acting for the purpose of carrying out the lawful functions of the Police:

(b) when the Commissioner makes the capability available,—

(i) holders of firearms licences and holders of dealer's licences may access the registry information for the purposes of—

(A) viewing their own information; and

(B) confirming or verifying the licence, endorsement, and permit status of any person from whom they are buying or to whom they are selling an arms item or items:

(ii) holders of dealer's licences, employees of dealers registered under item 8 of Part 2 of Schedule 1B, and ammunition sellers may access the registry information for the purposes of confirming or verifying the licence of any person to whom they are selling ammunition:

(iii) employees of dealers registered under item 8 of Part 2 of Schedule 1B may access the registry information for the purposes of—

(A) viewing the dealer's information relating to details of arms items; and

(B) confirming or verifying the licence, endorsement, and permit status of any person from whom they are buying or to whom they are selling arms items on behalf of the dealer.

(2) Nothing in this regulation prevents any person from accessing the registry information under a right or an arrangement under any other enactment.

Regulation 45: inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 23 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

46 Duration of records in registry

Records in the registry in respect of an individual firearms licence holder must be kept for 3 years after the lifetime of the licence holder, even if their licence was no longer in force at the time of their death.

Regulation 46: inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 23 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Schedule 1AA
Transitional, savings, and related provisions

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Schedule 1AA: inserted, on 28 July 2023, by regulation 7 of the Arms Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2023 (SL 2023/181).

Part 1
Provisions relating to Arms Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2023

Schedule 1AA Part 1: inserted, on 28 July 2023, by regulation 7 of the Arms Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2023 (SL 2023/181).

1 Interpretation for this Part

For the purposes of this Part,—

Act means the Arms Act 1983

specified firearm means any firearm specified or described in or under section 22(1) of the Act that a person may possess without holding a firearms licence

specified period means the period—

(a) beginning on 24 June 2023; and

(b) ending with the close of 27 July 2023.

Schedule 1AA clause 1: inserted, on 28 July 2023, by regulation 7 of the Arms Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2023 (SL 2023/181).

2 No proceedings may be brought against certain persons for failing to have identification marking on specified firearms during specified period

(1) This clause applies to any holder of a firearms licence (a **licence holder**) who, during the specified period, contravenes regulation 12(5A) by possessing a specified firearm that does not have an identification marking.

(2) If this clause applies,—

(a) the licence holder is not required after the commencement of this clause to have an identification marking on the specified firearm; and

(b) no proceedings may be brought against the licence holder under regulation 12(7) in respect of the contravention.

Schedule 1AA clause 2: inserted, on 28 July 2023, by regulation 7 of the Arms Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2023 (SL 2023/181).

3 No proceedings may be brought against certain persons for failing to provide information for inclusion in registry during specified period

(1) This clause applies to any person who, during the specified period, fails to provide the following information to the Police:

(a) the particulars of a specified firearm in their possession that are required to be provided by any of regulations 40(2), 41, 42, 43, and 44; or

(b) any information required by regulation 41(2) in the case of an activating circumstance described in regulation 41(1)(c) where the person has responsibility for an event relating only to—

(i) the transfer, importation, exportation, or manufacture of a specified firearm; or

(ii) the loss, theft, or destruction of a specified firearm.

(2) If this clause applies,—

(a) the person is not required, after the commencement of this clause, to provide the information to the Police; and

(b) no proceedings may be brought against the person under section 58A of the Act in respect of the failure.

Schedule 1AA clause 3: inserted, on 28 July 2023, by regulation 7 of the Arms Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2023 (SL 2023/181).

Part 2
Provision relating to Arms (Shooting Clubs—Content of Annual Reports) Amendment Regulations 2024

Schedule 1AA Part 2: inserted, on 28 June 2024, by regulation 5(a) of the Arms (Shooting Clubs—Content of Annual Reports) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SL 2024/127).

4 Application of regulation 28GO

(1) Regulation 28GO (as replaced by regulation 4 of the amendment regulations) applies only to an annual report—

(a) provided to the Commissioner on or after the commencement date; and

(b) that has a due date that is on or after the commencement date.

(2) The old regulation continues to apply to an annual report—

(a) provided to the Commissioner on or after the commencement date; and

(b) that has a due date that is before the commencement date.

(3) In this clause,—

amendment regulations means the Arms (Shooting Clubs—Content of Annual Reports) Amendment Regulations 2024

annual report means an annual report that a shooting club is required to provide to the Commissioner under section 38J of the Act

commencement date means the date on which the amendment regulations come into force

due date, in relation to an annual report, means the date by which the annual report is required to be provided to the Commissioner under section 38J of the Act

old regulation means regulation 28GO as in force immediately before the commencement date.

Schedule 1AA clause 4: inserted, on 28 June 2024, by regulation 5(a) of the Arms (Shooting Clubs—Content of Annual Reports) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SL 2024/127).

Schedule 1AA clause 4(3) **annual report**: amended, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 7(1) of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Schedule 1AA clause 4(3) **due date**: amended, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 7(2) of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Schedule 1
Fees for licence applications and matters

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Schedule 1: substituted, on 1 February 1999, by regulation 2 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 1998 (SR 1998/466).

Schedule 1 heading: replaced, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 36 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

	Column A Effective 1 February 1999 ($)	Column B Effective 1 August 1999 ($)
Firearms licences		
Application for a firearms licence—		
(a) by any person visiting New Zealand for a period not exceeding 12 months	25.00	25.00
(b) by any person whose previous firearms licence either—	123.75	236.25
(i) expired; or		
(ii) was deemed to be revoked by section 38(1) of the Arms Amendment Act 1992, and was not reinstated under section 39 of that Act		
(c) by any other person	123.75	123.75
Application for replacement of firearms licence	25.00	25.00
Dealers' licences		
Application for a dealer's licence	200.00	200.00
Application for renewal of a dealer's licence	200.00	200.00
Application under section 7A of the Act for consent in respect of a gun show	50.00	50.00
Endorsements		
Application for 1 or more endorsements under section 29 or section 30A of the Act	200.00	200.00
provided that no fee is payable—		
(a) if the firearms licence to be endorsed is held by a visitor to New Zealand who wishes to use a pistol for international competitive shooting on a pistol range in New Zealand; or		
(b) *[Revoked]*		

Schedule 1: amended, on 12 April 2019, by section 74 of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12).

Schedule 1A
Fees relating to shooting clubs and shooting ranges

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Schedule 1A: inserted, on 15 December 2022, by regulation 37 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291).

Applications	**Fees ($)**
Shooting clubs	
1 Application for certificate of approval	140
1A Application for enrolment	Nil
2 Compliance activities in relation to shooting club on whose behalf firearms or ammunition (or both) are sold	40 per year
3 Compliance activities in relation to shooting club on whose behalf firearms or ammunition (or both) are not sold	30 per year
Shooting ranges	
4 Application for certification or enrolment of—	
(a) a single shooting range (excluding clay target):	400
(b) multiple shooting ranges on the same site operated by the same range operator:	400, plus an additional fee of $45 for each additional range, up to a maximum total fee of 625
(c) a clay target shooting range (skeet, trap, sporting).	400
(d) *[Revoked]*	
5 Application for renewal of certification of the following if significant change to circumstances of shooting range in previous 5 years:	
(a) a single shooting range (excluding clay target):	400
(b) multiple shooting ranges on the same site operated by the same range operator:	400, plus an additional fee of $45 for each additional range, up to a maximum total fee of 625
(c) a clay target shooting range (skeet, trap, sporting).	400
(d) *[Revoked]*	
6 Application for renewal of certification if no significant change to circumstances of shooting range in previous 5 years	200
Notifications	
7 Notice of temporary non-pistol shooting range	Nil

Schedule 1A item 1A: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 8(1) of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Schedule 1A item 4: amended, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 8(2) of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Schedule 1A item 4(d): revoked, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 8(3) of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Schedule 1A item 5(d): revoked, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 8(4) of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Schedule 1A item 7 heading: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 8(5) of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Schedule 1A item 7: inserted, on 29 June 2025, by regulation 8(5) of the Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120).

Schedule 1B
Relevant details for registry

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Schedule 1B: inserted, on 24 June 2023, by regulation 24 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74).

Part 1
Information relating to individual firearms licence holders

1 Their full name, date of birth, contact phone number, email address, residential address, and (if different from their residential address) postal address.

2 The number and date of expiry of their firearms licence.

3 The date of expiry of every endorsement on the licence.

4 Every condition on the licence and endorsements additional to conditions imposed by the Act or these regulations.

5 Whether the holder is an ammunition seller.

6 Details of the locations approved by the Police for the secure storage of arms items and ammunition that the licence holder possesses, including for any that the licence holder is responsible for on behalf of a shooting club or shooting range.

Part 2
Information relating to dealer's licence holders

1 Their full name, date of birth, contact phone number, email address, residential address, and (if different from their residential address) postal address.

2 The number and date of expiry of their dealer's licence.

3 The date of expiry of every endorsement on the licence.

4 Every condition on the licence and endorsements additional to conditions imposed by the Act or these regulations.

5 The registered name of the business (if it is a body corporate), the trading name (if any), and its New Zealand Business Number (if any).

6 The dealer's business address and, if the dealer is operating from more than 1 place of business, the addresses of each of those places.

7 The address of any separate warehousing or storage facilities they operate.

8 The names of their employees who handle or have access to arms items or ammunition at the dealer's place of business, and the firearms licence numbers and endorsements (if any) of those employees.

Part 3
Details of arms items

	Arms item	Relevant details for registry	
1	Firearm (including a prohibited firearm) other than a specified firearm	(a)	make and model:
		(b)	identifying marking (for example, a serial number) in accordance with the relevant guidance notice (if any) issued by the Commissioner:
		(c)	type:
		(d)	action:
		(e)	calibre or gauge:
		(f)	whether the firearm has a non-detachable magazine and, if it does, its capacity:
		(g)	if requested, a photograph of the firearm in accordance with the relevant guidance notice (if any) issued by the Commissioner.
2	Restricted weapon	(a)	make and model:
		(b)	identifying marking (for example, a serial number) in accordance with the relevant guidance notice (if any) issued by the Commissioner:
		(c)	type:
		(d)	action:
		(e)	calibre or gauge (as appropriate):
		(f)	if requested, a photograph of the restricted weapon in accordance with the relevant guidance notice (if any) issued by the Commissioner.
3	Prohibited magazine	(a)	make and model:
		(b)	identifying marking (for example, a serial number) in accordance with the relevant guidance notice (if any) issued by the Commissioner:
		(c)	type:
		(d)	calibre or gauge (as appropriate):
		(e)	capacity:
		(f)	if requested, a photograph of the prohibited magazine in accordance with the relevant guidance notice (if any) issued by the Commissioner.
4	Major firearm part	(a)	make and model:
		(b)	description of the part (the frame, receiver, or upper receiver or lower receiver of a firearm, the frame of a pistol, or the calibre conversion component or kit of a pistol):
		(c)	identifying marking (for example, a serial number) in accordance with the relevant guidance notice (if any) issued by the Commissioner, unless it is incorporated or integrated into a firearm:
		(d)	if requested, a photograph of the major firearm part in accordance with the relevant guidance notice (if any) issued by the Commissioner.
5	Pistol carbine conversion kit	(a)	make and model:

	Arms item	Relevant details for registry
		(b) identifying marking (for example, a serial number) in accordance with the relevant guidance notice (if any) issued by the Commissioner: (c) if requested, a photograph of the pistol carbine conversion kit in accordance with the relevant guidance notice (if any) issued by the Commissioner.

Schedule 1B Part 3 item 1: amended, on 28 July 2023, by regulation 8 of the Arms Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2023 (SL 2023/181).

Part 4
Details of events

	Event	Relevant details for registry
1	Transfer of an arms item by sale, supply, purchase, or receipt (excluding a temporary transfer as defined in section 95(4) of the Act)	(a) for the sale or supply of an arms item,— (i) the date on which the seller hands over or dispatches the item; and (ii) the name and licence number of the person to whom the item was delivered; and (iii) in addition, in the case of a pistol, prohibited firearm, prohibited magazine, pistol carbine conversion kit, or restricted weapon delivered to a person who requires a permit to possess it, the number of the permit; and (iv) the relevant details specified for the item in Part 3 of this schedule: (b) for the purchase or receipt of an arms item,— (i) the date on which the item comes into the possession of the purchaser or receiver; and (ii) the name and firearms licence number of the person from whom the item was received (unless the arms item was surrendered within 5 working days by a licensed dealer to a member of the Police in accordance with section 59A of the Act); and (iii) the relevant details specified for the item in Part 3 of this schedule.
2	Importation of an arms item	Details of the arms item (as specified in Part 3 of this schedule).
3	Exportation of an arms item	If an export control permit is required by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, details of the arms item (as specified in Part 3 of this schedule), the export control permit number, and the date on which the arms item is sent or is taken out of New Zealand.
4	Manufacture of an arms item	Details of the arms item (as specified in Part 3 of this schedule) and the date of completion of manufacture.
5	Loss, theft, or destruction of an arms item	The date of the occurrence, details of the arms item (as specified in Part 3 of this schedule), and its last known location.

	Event	Relevant details for registry
6	Importation of ammunition	The type, quantity, and relevant details specified in regulation 13(2).
7	Sale of ammunition by dealer or ammunition seller to firearms licence holder	Details of sales of ammunition, including the date on which the seller hands over or dispatches the ammunition, the type and quantity of ammunition sold, and the name and firearms licence number of the purchaser or the person supervising the purchaser.
8	Modification of a prohibited firearm to a non-prohibited firearm	Details of the firearm before and after modification, and a certification from a person authorised by the Police that the modification has been properly carried out and the firearm is permanently modified.

Part 5
Time within which information must be provided to Police

	Matter	Information must be provided
1	Details about individual firearms licence holder	When applying for firearms licence, endorsement, or permit.
2	Details about dealer's licence holder	When applying for dealer's licence, endorsement, or permit, or renewal of dealer's licence.
3	Sale or supply of an arms item	When sale or supply occurs or immediately after the sale or supply.
4	Sale of ammunition	When the sale occurs or immediately after the sale.
5	Purchase or receipt of an arms item	As soon as practicable, but not later than 30 days after the purchase or receipt of the arms item.
6	Manufacture, modification, or destruction of an arms item	Within 5 days after the date of manufacture, modification, or destruction.
7	Importation of an arms item	Within 30 days after the date on which the item is released to the importer by the New Zealand Customs Service.
8	Exportation of an arms item	Within 5 days after the date of exportation.
9	Loss or theft of an arms item	Immediately after the loss or theft is known to have occurred.
10	Executors, administrators, and holders of powers of attorney in relation to the property of incapacitated persons	*See* regulation 43(3).
11	Other matters	As determined by the Commissioner or otherwise provided in these regulations.

Schedule 2
Compensation and related provisions for purposes of Part 2 of Schedule 1 of Arms Act 1983

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Schedule 2: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

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Part 1
Preliminary and general provisions

Schedule 2 Part 1: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

1 Interpretation

In this schedule, unless the context otherwise requires,—

Act means the Arms Act 1983

amnesty period has the meaning given to it in clause 8 of Schedule 1of the Act

compensation schedule means a compensation schedule issued by the Commissioner under clause 3

Schedule 2 means this schedule

specified item means—

(a) a semi-automatic firearm that—

(i) is capable of firing only 0.22 calibre or lower rimfire cartridges; and

(ii) has a magazine, whether or not detachable or otherwise externally fed, that is capable of holding no more than 10 cartridges commensurate with the firearm's chamber size; and

(iii) has a lower receiver that is able to be attached to a centrefire upper receiver so that the resulting firearm is able to function:

(b) a semi-automatic pistol that is not—

(i) a semi-automatic pistol held by a person referred to in section 2A(3) of the Act; or

(ii) a small semi-automatic pistol:

(c) a centrefire pump-action rifle that is capable of being used with a detachable magazine:

(d) a centrefire pump-action rifle that has 1 or more non-detachable magazines (tubular or otherwise) capable of holding more than 10 cartridges commensurate with that firearm's chamber size:

(e) a pistol carbine conversion kit (as defined in section 2(1) of the Act)

specified part—

(a) means a part of a specified item that cannot lawfully be used on a non-prohibited firearm; but

(b) does not include a part that could be used on a prohibited item to which any of regulations 28H to 28WA applied before 25 June 2020, unless—

(i) the part relates specifically to a firearm that is a specified item (as defined in this clause); and

(ii) that firearm was lawfully possessed before 25 June 2020 and is delivered or otherwise surrendered to a member of the Police in accordance with clause 18 of Schedule 1 of the Act and with Schedule 2.

Schedule 2 clause 1: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

2 Limits on compensation

The amount of compensation payable in respect of a specified item or specified part under Schedule 2 that is set out in a compensation schedule, or determined by the Commissioner under Schedule 2, does not in any case include compensation for any of the following:

(a) any economic loss:

(b) any consequential loss:

(c) any loss for business interruption:

(d) any loss attributable to intrinsic or sentimental value.

Schedule 2 clause 2: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

3 Compensation schedules to be issued by Commissioner

(1) The Commissioner must, as soon as is reasonably practicable, issue 1 or more compensation schedules setting out the amounts of compensation payable in respect of specified items and specified parts delivered or surrendered to a member of the Police, or forfeited to the Crown.

(2) The Commissioner may, at any time before the close of 1 May 2022, do any of the following:

(a) amend a schedule by inserting, deleting, or replacing the description of any item or part in a schedule:

(b) issue a replacement schedule:

(c) issue 1 or more supplementary schedules setting out the amounts of compensation payable in respect of items or parts not included in any previously issued schedule.

(3) A compensation schedule issued under this clause is secondary legislation (*see* Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019 for publication requirements).

Legislation Act 2019 requirements for secondary legislation made under this clause		
Publication	The maker must: • notify it in the *Gazette* • make it available online at http://www.police.govt.nz	LA19 ss 73, 74(1)(a), Sch 1 cl 14
Presentation	It is not required to be presented to the House of Representatives because a transitional exemption applies under Schedule 1 of the Legislation Act 2019	LA19 s 114, Sch 1 cl 32(1)(a)
Disallowance	It may be disallowed by the House of Representatives	LA19 ss 115, 116

This note is not part of the secondary legislation.

Schedule 2 clause 3: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

Schedule 2 clause 3(3): replaced, on 28 October 2021, by regulation 138 of the Legislation Act (Sub-delegated Secondary Legislation) Regulations 2021 (LI 2021/248).

4 Information required to be set out in compensation schedules

A compensation schedule must set out for each specified item (described by brand, type, or model) and each specified part—

(a) the base price for the item or part, being the price that the Commissioner considers reflects the value of the item or part immediately before 12 November 2019, having taken into account—

(i) retailers' prices, and online prices, for the item or part; and

(ii) advice on the valuation of the item or part from industry specialists; and

(b) the amount of compensation payable in respect of the item or part depending on its condition as determined by a member of the Police and calculated as a percentage of the base price of the item, as follows:

(i) for a specified item—

(A) in new or near-new condition, 95% of the base price:

(B) in used condition, 70% of the base price:

(C) in poor condition, 25% of the base price:

(ii) for a specified part—

(A) in new or used condition, 70% of the base price:

(B) in poor condition, 25% of the base price.

Schedule 2 clause 4: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

5 Indicators for determining condition of specified item or specified part to be published

The Commissioner must publish online at http://www.police.govt.nz the indicators used to determine for the purposes of clause 4—

(a) whether the condition of a specified item is—

(i) new or near-new; or

(ii) used; or

(iii) poor; and

(b) whether the condition of a specified part is—

(i) new or used; or

(ii) poor.

Schedule 2 clause 5: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

6 Certain provisions do not apply to valuers

(1) The following sections of the Act do not apply to an approved valuer (as defined in clause 12(8)) in respect of a specified item or specified part that is delivered to the valuer for valuation:

(a) section 44AA (unlawful sale or supply of pistol carbine conversion kit), to the extent that, after valuing a pistol carbine conversion kit, the valuer returns the pistol carbine conversion kit to the person from whom it was received:

(b) section 44A (offence to sell or supply prohibited firearm or prohibited magazine), to the extent that, after valuing a prohibited firearm or prohibited magazine, the valuer returns the prohibited firearm or prohibited magazine to the person from whom it was received:

(c) section 44B (offence to sell or supply prohibited part), to the extent that the valuer returns the prohibited part to the person from whom it was received:

(d) section 50AA (unlawful possession of pistol carbine conversion kit):

(e) section 50A (unlawful possession of prohibited firearm):

(f) section 50B (unlawful possession of prohibited magazine):

(g) section 50C (unlawful possession of prohibited part).

(2) The protection conferred on a valuer by subclause (1) expires at the end of the amnesty period, unless subclause (3) applies.

(3) If the valuer returns the specified item or specified part to the person from whom it was received after the end of the amnesty period, the protection conferred on the valuer by subclause (1) expires on the earlier of the following:

(a) the date on which that item or part is returned:

(b) 1 August 2022.

Schedule 2 clause 6: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

Part 2
Amnesty and compensation provisions

Schedule 2 Part 2: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

Subpart 1—Temporary amnesty

Schedule 2 subpart 1: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

7 Temporary amnesty extended for individuals and licensed dealers possessing specified items or specified parts

(1) In addition to the provisions in clause 17 of Schedule 1 of the Act, the following persons do not commit an offence under section 50AA (unlawful possession of pistol carbine conversion kit), 50A (unlawful possession of prohibited firearm), 50B (unlawful possession of prohibited magazine), or 50C (unlawful possession of prohibited part) of the Act for the continued possession of a specified item or specified part:

(a) a person who, within 60 days after the commencement of this Part or earlier, applies as an individual or a licensed dealer for either of the following and does not, before the end of the amnesty period, receive notification from a member of the Police that their application has been approved or declined:

(i) an endorsement to be made on their firearms licence or dealer licence under section 30B of the Act permitting them to possess the item or part in their capacity as an exempt person:

(ii) a permit issued under section 35A or 35AAA of the Act to possess the item or part:

(b) a person who, within 60 days after the commencement of this Part or earlier, applies as an individual or a licensed dealer for an endorsement or a permit referred to in paragraph (a) and, before the end of the amnesty period, receives notification from a member of the Police that their application has been declined:

(c) a person to whom the following apply:

(i) either,—

(A) within 90 days after the commencement of this Part, they apply as an individual for compensation under Schedule 2 in respect of the item or part; or

(B) within 60 days after the commencement of this Part, they apply as a licensed dealer for compensation under Schedule 2 in respect of the item or part; and

(ii) a member of the Police agrees in writing to collect that item or part.

(2) The amnesty granted by subclause (1)(a) continues to apply to the person—

(a) until the person receives notification that their application has been approved; or

(b) until the person receives notification that their application has been declined, and for a further 30 days starting on the date of that notification if—

(i) the person applies for compensation within that 30-day period; and

(ii) at the same time the person delivers the item or part to the Police, unless, at the time of the application, the Police agree in writing to collect the item or part at a specified time.

(3) The amnesty granted by subclause (1)(b) continues to apply to the person for a further 30 days starting on the day after the date of that notification if—

(a) the person applies for compensation within that 30-day period and the end of that 30-day period falls outside the amnesty period; and

(b) at the same time the person delivers the item or part to the Police, unless, at the time of application, the Police agree in writing to collect the item or part at a specified time.

(4) The amnesty granted by subclause (1)(c) and the amnesty continued by subclause (2)(b) or (3)(b) continues to apply to the person until the earlier of the following:

(a) the time the Police collect their item or part:

(b) 12 months after the date of their application for compensation.

Schedule 2 clause 7: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

8 Conditions of temporary amnesty under Act and extended amnesty under clause 7

(1) The temporary amnesty granted by clause 17(2) of Schedule 1of the Act and the extended amnesty under clause 7 of Schedule 2 are subject to the following conditions:

(a) the person in possession of the specified item or part must not use the item or part during the amnesty period; and

(b) the person must at all times during the amnesty period keep the item or part in secure storage on their premises.

(2) Subclause (1)(b) does not apply if the person is transporting the specified item or specified part for the purpose of—

(a) delivering the item or part from secure storage to—

(i) a member of the Police; or

(ii) an approved valuer (as defined in clause 12(8)) for valuation; or

(b) exporting the item or part with a permit from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade or a certificate from the Ministry for Culture and Heritage.

Schedule 2 clause 8: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

Subpart 2—Compensation for individuals

Schedule 2 subpart 2: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

9 Compensation for specified item or specified part

(1) This clause applies to a person if any of the following circumstances apply:

(a) the person lawfully possessed a specified item or specified part on 24 June 2020:

(b) the person arranged to lawfully import a specified item or specified part on or before 24 June 2020:

(c) the circumstances referred to in either or both of paragraphs (a) and (b) apply, and the person,—

(i) within 60 days after the date of commencement of this Part or earlier, applies for—

(A) an endorsement under section 30B of the Act to possess a prohibited firearm; or

(B) a permit under section 35A of the Act to possess a prohibited firearm; or

(C) a permit under section 35AAA of the Act to possess a pistol carbine conversion kit; and

(ii) is notified by the Police that their application has been declined and, within 30 days after that the date of that notification, applies for compensation under subclause (2).

(2) A person referred to in subclause (1)(a) may apply for compensation from the Crown in respect of the specified item or specified part that the person lawfully possessed if—

(a) the person applies for compensation within 90 days after the commencement of this Part, and—

(i) the item or part is delivered to a member of the Police; or

(ii) the Police agree in writing to collect the item or part at a specified time; and

(b) the person does not apply within 60 days after the commencement of this Part or earlier for an endorsement or a permit in accordance with subclause (1)(c)(i) and obtain an endorsement or a permit.

(3) A person referred to in subclause (1)(b) may apply for compensation from the Crown in respect of the specified item or specified part if the person applies for compensation within 90 days after the commencement of this Part, and—

(a) the item or part is being, or has been, treated as prohibited goods under section 98 of the Customs and Excise Act 2018:

(b) the item or part is, or has been, delivered to a member of the Police in accordance with an authorisation given by the chief executive of the New Zealand Customs Service under section 85(1)(b) of the Customs and Excise Act 2018:

(c) the item or part is forfeited to the Crown under section 176(1)(a) of the Customs and Excise Act 2018:

(d) the person does not apply within 60 days after the commencement of this Part or earlier for an endorsement or a permit in accordance with subclause (1)(c)(i) and obtain an endorsement or a permit.

(4) The following provisions apply in relation to an application for compensation under this clause:

(a) the applicant must make the application within 90 days after the commencement of this Part unless—

(i) subclause (1)(c)(ii) applies and the 30-day period after notification falls outside that 90-day period; or

(ii) a later period is agreed by the Commissioner on the ground that exceptional circumstances justify the making of the application after the 90-day period:

(b) the applicant must submit the application to the Commissioner in a form prescribed by the Commissioner:

(c) the applicant must, at the same time as submitting the application, deliver the item or part to the Police, unless the Police agree in writing to collect the item or part at a specified time:

(d) the applicant must provide the Police, if requested, with proof of 1 or more of the following:

(i) that the applicant lawfully possessed the item or part on 24 June 2020 or arranged to lawfully import it before 24 June 2020:

(ii) the purchase price and evidence of the transaction by which the applicant acquired the item or part.

(5) In this clause, **person** does not include a licensed dealer or manufacturer who is eligible to apply for compensation under subpart 3.

(6) This clause is subject to clause 12 if a person is applying for compensation for a unique specified item or specified part, and, in that case, the 90-day application period in this clause does not apply.

Schedule 2 clause 9: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

10 Amount of compensation for specified item or specified part during amnesty period

(1) The amount of compensation payable in respect of a specified item or specified part that is referred to in clause 9(1) is—

(a) the amount in respect of the item or part that is set out in a compensation schedule issued by the Commissioner; or

(b) the amount for the item or part that is determined by the Commissioner under Schedule 2.

(2) Subclause (1) is subject to clause 12.

(3) The Commissioner must make arrangements for the compensation for a specified item or specified part to be paid to the bank account nominated by the owner of the item or part.

Schedule 2 clause 10: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

11 Compensation for large quantities of specified parts or pistol carbine conversion kits

(1) This clause applies if a person applies for compensation under clause 9 for a quantity of specified parts or pistol carbine conversion kits that exceeds the quantity of parts or kits that the Commissioner considers appropriate for the reasonable personal use of the person.

(2) In determining the quantity of specified parts or pistol carbine conversion kits that is appropriate for the reasonable personal use of a person, the Commissioner may consider—

(a) the number and type of specified items that are prohibited firearms owned by the person in respect of which the parts may be used:

(b) the number and type of pistols owned by the person in respect of which the kits may be used:

(c) the age of the parts or kits:

(d) the quantity of the parts or kits typically possessed by the holder of a firearms licence who owns a firearm of the same kind as, or of a kind similar to, that owned by the person in respect of which the parts or kits may be used:

(e) the number of kits owned by the person in respect of which parts of kits may be used.

(3) The amount of compensation payable to a person in respect of the quantity of specified parts or pistol carbine conversion kits is determined as follows:

(a) for the quantity the Commissioner considers appropriate for the reasonable personal use of the person, the amount of compensation payable is the sum of the amount of compensation payable in respect of each part or kit, being—

(i) the amount for the part or kit set out in a compensation schedule; or

(ii) the amount for the part or kit determined by the Commissioner under clause 12; and

(b) for the remaining quantity, clause 9(4)(d)(ii) applies (applicant to provide evidence) and the amount of compensation payable is the sum of the amount of compensation payable in respect of each part or kit, being the lowest of the following:

(i) the amount for the part or kit set out in a compensation schedule:

(ii) the amount for the part or kit determined by the Commissioner under clause 12:

(iii) the price for which the part or kit was purchased by the person, based on evidence provided in accordance with clause 9(4)(d)(ii).

Schedule 2 clause 11: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

12 Compensation for unique specified item or specified part

(1) A person who applies for compensation under clause 9 or 11 may apply to the Commissioner in writing to have the amount of compensation for a specified item or specified part determined by the Commissioner instead of in accordance with a compensation schedule.

(2) An application under this clause must be made—

(a) within 60 days starting on the day after the date of commencement of this Part; or

(b) if it is an application following a declined application for an endorsement, within 30 days starting on the day after the date of the notification declining an endorsement; or

(c) within any later period agreed by the Commissioner on the ground that exceptional circumstances justify the making of the application after the end of the 60-day period.

(3) A person may apply under subclause (1) only if—

(a) the item or part is not listed in a compensation schedule and it—

(i) is rare or has other distinguishing characteristics that significantly affect its value; or

(ii) is otherwise unique, and is substantially different from any other item or part listed in a compensation schedule; or

(b) the item or part is listed in a compensation schedule, but has been modified in such a manner and to such an extent that the applicant has reasonable grounds to believe that the value of the item or part is at least 30% above the base price for that item or part listed in the schedule.

(4) An application for compensation in respect of an item or a part is made by submitting to the Commissioner—

(a) a completed application in the form prescribed by the Commissioner; and

(b) evidence of the value of the item or part; and

(c) if available, evidence of the amount for which the person purchased the item or part; and

(d) if the application is made in reliance on subclause (3)(a)(i), evidence of the item's or part's rarity or other distinguishing characteristics that significantly affect its value and, in respect of any distinguishing characteristics, how those characteristics significantly affect its value; and

(e) if the application is made in reliance on subclause (3)(a)(ii), an explanation of why the item or part is considered unique and substantially different from any other specified item or specified part listed in a compensation schedule; and

(f) if the application is made in reliance on subclause (3)(b), evidence of the cost of the modifications, and details of the grounds on which the person believes the value of the item or part is at least 30% above the base price for the item or part listed in a compensation schedule; and

(g) an application fee of $120 (excluding goods and services tax).

(5) After receiving an application, the Commissioner may require the applicant to—

(a) obtain a valuation of the specified item or specified part from an approved valuer chosen by the applicant; and

(b) pay the cost of the valuation; and

(c) submit the specified item or specified part to a member of the Police for inspection; and

(d) provide any further evidence or explanation relevant to the application, as requested by the Police, within 10 days of that requirement or any further period agreed by the Commissioner.

(6) The Commissioner must determine the amount of compensation and give notice under subclause (7) as soon as is reasonably practicable after considering—

(a) the application; and

(b) all information accompanying that application under subclause (4); and

(c) any valuation obtained under subclause (5); and

(d) any other information or advice that is available to the Commissioner or that the Commissioner has obtained relating to the value of the specified item or specified part (including the value of the item or part, if any, specified in a compensation schedule).

(7) The Commissioner must, subject to subclause (6),—

(a) determine the amount of compensation payable in respect of the item or part that is—

(i) the amount for the item or part listed in a compensation schedule; or

(ii) any other amount; and

(b) give the applicant written notice of the determination.

(8) In this clause, **approved valuer** means a valuer who is approved by the Commissioner and whose name is included in the list of approved valuers held by the Police.

Schedule 2 clause 12: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

Subpart 3—Provisions relating to licensed dealers and manufacturers

Schedule 2 subpart 3: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

Licensed dealers

Heading: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

13 Licensed dealers required to mitigate losses

(1) Before applying for compensation under clause 14 or 15, a licensed dealer must take all reasonable steps in the circumstances to mitigate their losses sustained in respect of specified items or specified parts (for example, cancelling orders before shipment or returning items to suppliers).

(2) When applying for compensation under clause 14 or 15, a licensed dealer must provide evidence of the reasonable steps the dealer has taken under subclause (1).

Schedule 2 clause 13: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

14 Compensation following return of specified item or specified part to supplier by licensed dealer

(1) This clause applies to a licensed dealer who—

(a) lawfully purchased or ordered a specified item or specified part on or before 24 June 2020; and

(b) returned the item or part to the supplier; and

(c) received a refund for the item or part of an amount less than the amount that the dealer paid for the item or part.

(2) The dealer may apply to the Crown for a payment in respect of—

(a) the difference between the amount the dealer paid for the item or part and the amount of the refund received; and

(b) any external costs reasonably incurred that are directly attributable to, or that may be apportioned to, the purchase or return of the item or part, including domestic and international freight costs, but excluding any interest on loans relating to the purchase of the item or part.

(3) A licensed dealer applies for a payment under this clause by submitting to the Commissioner a completed application in a form prescribed by the Commissioner—

(a) within 60 days after the date of commencement of this Part; or

(b) if the dealer does not submit an application within that 60-day period and clause 15(1)(b) applies, within 30 days after being notified by the Police that the dealer's application for an endorsement or a permit has been declined.

(4) The amount payable to a licensed dealer under this clause is determined by the Commissioner.

(5) The Commissioner must make arrangements for a payment to a licensed dealer under this clause to be paid to the bank account nominated by the dealer.

Schedule 2 clause 14: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

15 Licensed dealers entitled to claim compensation for specified items or parts

(1) This clause applies to a licensed dealer if either of the following circumstances apply:

(a) the dealer lawfully purchased, ordered, or received a specified item or specified part on or before 24 June 2020:

(b) the circumstances referred to in paragraph (a) apply to the dealer, and the dealer,—

(i) within 60 days after the date of commencement of this Part or earlier, applies for—

(A) an endorsement under section 30B of the Act to possess a prohibited firearm; or

(B) a permit under section 35A of the Act to possess a prohibited firearm; or

(C) a permit under section 35AAA of the Act to possess a pistol carbine conversion kit; and

(ii) is notified by the Police that the application has been declined.

(2) The licensed dealer may apply for compensation from the Crown in respect of the specified item or specified part if, at the date of the dealer's application,—

(a) the item or part is held by the dealer and there is an agreement in writing with a member of the Police that the item or part will be either delivered to the Police at a specified time or collected by the Police at a specified time:

(b) the item or part is subject to the control of the New Zealand Customs Service:

(c) the item or part has been forfeited to the Crown under section 176(1)(a) of the Customs and Excise Act 2018:

(d) the item or part has been delivered by the New Zealand Customs Service to the Police under section 85(1)(b) of the Customs and Excise Act 2018.

(3) A licensed dealer applies for compensation under this clause by submitting to the Commissioner a completed application in a form approved by the Commissioner—

(a) within 60 days starting on the day after the date of commencement of this Part; or

(b) any later period after that 60-day period agreed by the Commissioner on the ground that exceptional circumstances justify the making of the application after the 60-day period; or

(c) if subclause (1)(b) applies, within 30 days after being notified by the Police that the dealer's application for an endorsement or a permit has been declined.

(4) Only 1 application for compensation may be submitted by a licensed dealer for all items or parts for which the dealer seeks compensation under this clause unless the Police are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances preventing the dealer from making only 1 application.

(5) An applicant for compensation under this clause must,—

(a) within 20 days after the date of their application or within any further period agreed by a member of the Police in writing, provide documentary evidence (for example, records or receipts held by the dealer) to

support all amounts of compensation claimed in respect of a new specified item or specified part; and

(b) if possible, within 20 days after the date of their application, provide documentary evidence (for example, records or receipts held by the dealer) to support all amounts of compensation claimed in respect of a second-hand or trade-in specified item or specified part; and

(c) provide any further evidence or explanation relevant to the application, as requested by the Police, within 10 days of that request or any further period agreed by a member of the Police in writing.

Schedule 2 clause 15: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

16 Amount of compensation payable for prohibited items before end of amnesty period

(1) A licensed dealer who, at the date of their application, holds a specified item or specified part to which clause 15 applies that was purchased new, may apply for compensation in respect of—

(a) either—

(i) the purchase price of the item or part as at the date on which the item or part was purchased; or

(ii) if the Commissioner is satisfied that there are good reasons why that evidence of the purchase price is not available, the amount that the item or part would have reasonably cost the dealer to purchase at the time the dealer took possession of it, so long as the dealer provides evidence to substantiate the claim to a standard accepted by the Commissioner; and

(b) any external costs reasonably incurred that are directly attributable to, or that may be apportioned to, the purchase of the item or part, including domestic and international freight costs, but excluding any interest on loans relating to the purchase of the item or part.

(2) A licensed dealer who at the date of their application holds an item or part to which clause 15 applies that was purchased second-hand may apply for compensation in respect of—

(a) 1 of the following:

(i) the purchase price of the item or part as at the date on which the item or part was purchased:

(ii) the amount payable for an equivalent item or part specified in a compensation schedule, if the dealer is unable to provide evidence, or sufficient evidence, of the purchase price of the item or part:

(iii) if a price for the item or part is not specified in the compensation schedule and there is no evidence of the purchase price, a percentage of a base wholesale price substantiated by the dealer (for example, by referring to overseas wholesale supplier prices at or around the time of purchase), being a percentage specified in clause 4(b)(i) or (ii); and

(b) any external costs reasonably incurred that are directly attributable to, or that may be apportioned to, the purchase of the item or part, including domestic and international freight costs, but excluding any interest on loans relating to the purchase of the item or part.

(3) A licensed dealer who at the date of their application holds an item or a part to which clause 15 applies that was received as a trade-in may apply for compensation in respect of—

(a) 1 of the following:

(i) the value for which the dealer received the item or part (the **trade-in value**):

(ii) the amount payable for an equivalent item or part specified in a compensation schedule, if the dealer is unable to provide evidence, or sufficient evidence, of the trade-in value of the item or part:

(iii) if a price for the item or part is not specified in the compensation schedule and there is no evidence of the trade-in value, a percentage of a base wholesale price substantiated by the dealer (for example, by referring to overseas wholesale supplier prices at or around the time of purchase), being a percentage specified in clause 4(b)(i) or (ii); and

(b) any external costs reasonably incurred that are directly attributable to, or that may be apportioned to, the purchase of the item or part, including domestic and international freight costs, but excluding any interest on loans relating to the purchase of the item or part.

(4) To avoid doubt, if parts are stripped off a specified item to which clause 15 applies that was purchased new and the item was sold without that part, the dealer may apply for compensation in respect of the schedule price for those parts, so long as there is evidence of a connection to the specified item.

(5) A licensed dealer who has imported an item or a part to which clause 15 applies that is subject to the control of the New Zealand Customs Service, or that has been delivered by the New Zealand Customs Service to the Police, and that is unable to be returned to the supplier may apply for compensation in respect of—

(a) the purchase price of the item or part; and

(b) any external costs reasonably incurred that are directly attributable to, or that may be apportioned to, the importation of the item or part, including international freight costs, but excluding any interest on loans relating to the purchase of the item or part.

(6) A licensed dealer who has imported an item or a part to which clause 15 applies that has been forfeited to the Crown may apply for compensation in respect of—

(a) the purchase price of the item or part; and

(b) any external costs reasonably incurred that are directly attributable to, or that may be apportioned to, the importation of the item or part, including international freight costs, but excluding any interest on loans relating to the purchase of the item or part.

(7) The amount of compensation payable to a licensed dealer under this clause is determined by the Commissioner, but in the case of an application for compensation referred to in subclause (2)(a) or (3)(a) may not exceed the amount of compensation payable in respect of a similar item or part specified in a compensation schedule.

(8) If the Commissioner is not satisfied that a licensed dealer has taken all reasonable steps to mitigate their losses as required by clause 13, the Commissioner may determine that—

(a) no compensation is payable to the dealer under this clause; or

(b) a reduced amount of compensation is payable to the dealer under this clause.

Schedule 2 clause 16: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

Manufacturers

Heading: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

17 Application of clauses 18 to 21

Clauses 18 to 21 apply to any person (including a licensed dealer) who—

(a) lawfully manufactured a firearm, part, or pistol carbine conversion kit on or before 24 June 2020 that is a specified item or specified part; and

(b) is not a person to whom section 4A(1A) of the Act applies (which relates to persons who before 12 April 2019 were in the business of manufacturing prohibited parts for the purposes of permitted supply).

Schedule 2 clause 17: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

18 Manufacturers required to mitigate losses

(1) Before applying for compensation under clause 19 or 20, a manufacturer must take all reasonable steps in the circumstances to mitigate their losses sustained in respect of specified items, specified parts, or raw materials (for example, cancelling orders before shipment, returning items to suppliers, or setting aside materials for the manufacture of non-prohibited items or non-firearm parts that the manufacturer is also equipped to manufacture).

(2) When making an application for compensation under clause 19 or 20, a manufacturer must provide evidence of the reasonable steps the manufacturer has taken under subclause (1).

Schedule 2 clause 18: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

19 Compensation following return of materials to supplier by manufacturer

(1) This clause applies to a manufacturer who—

(a) lawfully purchased or ordered any raw material or item on or before 24 June 2020 exclusively for use in or for the manufacture of a specified item or specified part; and

(b) returned that material or item to the supplier; and

(c) received a refund for the material or item of an amount less than the amount that the manufacturer paid for the material or item.

(2) The manufacturer may apply to the Crown for a payment in respect of—

(a) the difference between the amount the manufacturer paid for the raw material or item and the amount of the refund received; and

(b) any external costs reasonably incurred that are directly attributable to, or that may be apportioned to, the purchase or return of the material or item, including domestic and international freight costs, but excluding any interest on loans relating to the purchase of the material or item.

(3) A manufacturer applies for compensation under this clause by submitting to the Commissioner a completed application in a form approved by the Commissioner within 60 days after the date of commencement of this Part.

(4) The amount payable to a manufacturer under this clause is determined by the Commissioner.

(5) The Commissioner must make arrangements for a payment to a manufacturer under this clause to be paid to the bank account nominated by the manufacturer.

Schedule 2 clause 19: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

20 Manufacturers entitled to claim compensation for specified items and specified parts

(1) A manufacturer may apply for compensation from the Crown in respect of the specified item or specified part that they manufactured if, at the date of the manufacturer's application,—

(a) the item or part is delivered to a member of the Police; or

(b) the Police agree in writing to collect the item or part at a specified time.

(2) A manufacturer applies for compensation under this clause by submitting to the Commissioner a completed application, in a form approved by the Commissioner, that includes a statement of the date of manufacture of the specified item or specified part—

(a) within 60 days starting on the day after the date of commencement of this Part; or

(b) within any later period agreed by the Commissioner on the ground that exceptional circumstances justify the making of the application after the 60-day period.

(3) An applicant for compensation under this clause must,—

(a) within 20 days after the date of their application or within any further period agreed by a member of the Police in writing, provide documentary evidence (for example, records or receipts held by the manufacturer) to support all amounts of compensation claimed in respect of a specified item or specified part; and

(b) provide any further evidence or explanation relevant to the application, as requested by the Police, within 10 days of that request or any further period agreed by a member of the Police in writing.

Schedule 2 clause 20: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

21 Amount of compensation for specified items and specified parts

(1) A person who applies for compensation under clause 20 in respect of a specified item or specified part may claim compensation in respect of only the following:

(a) the purchase price of the raw materials, shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, that were used exclusively in the manufacture of the item or part; and

(b) any costs incurred that are directly attributable to the manufacture of the item or part, including the costs of items used for the manufacture of the item or part that cannot lawfully be used in the manufacture of non-prohibited items or parts.

(2) The amount of compensation payable to a person under this clause for a specified item or specified part is determined by the Commissioner, taking into account—

(a) the amount of compensation claimed in accordance with subclause (1); and

(b) the condition of the item in respect of which compensation is claimed, by applying a discount if the item or part is not in new condition or is incomplete or in an unfinished state.

(3) If the Commissioner is not satisfied that a manufacturer has taken all reasonable steps to mitigate their losses as required by clause 18, the Commissioner may determine that—

(a) no compensation is payable to the manufacturer under this clause; or

(b) a reduced amount of compensation is payable to the manufacturer under this clause.

(4) The Commissioner must make arrangements for a payment to a manufacturer under this clause to be paid to the bank account nominated by the manufacturer.

Schedule 2 clause 21: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

Other compensation excluded for licensed dealers and manufacturers

Heading: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

22 No other compensation payable

A licensed dealer or manufacturer is not entitled to receive compensation under Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Act and Schedule 2 in their capacity as a licensed dealer or manufacturer except as provided in this Part.

Schedule 2 clause 22: inserted, on 1 February 2021, by regulation 5 of the Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309).

Schedule 3
Postcodes in affected areas

rr 28ZDB(2)(c), 28ZDC(2)(c)

Schedule 3: inserted, on 14 April 2023, by regulation 5 of the Arms (Extension of Licences and Endorsements) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/55).

Northland region	Auckland region	Waikato region	Bay of Plenty region	Gisborne region	Hawke's Bay region	Hauraki district	Tararua district
0110	0573	3500	3010	4010	4102	2473	4171
0112	0600	3506	3015	4022	4104	3503	4282
0114	0602	3508	3020	4032	4108	3574	4287
0116	0604	3510	3025	4071	4110	3576	4293
0118	0610	3574	3073	4073	4112	3597	4471
0170	0612	3575	3074	4077	4120	3600	4900
0171	0614	3577	3076	4081	4122	3610	4910
0172	0616	3578	3096	4082	4130	3671	4920
0173	0618	3579	3097	4086	4172	3672	4930
0174	0620	3581	3110	4087	4174	3673	4970
0175	0622	3582	3112	4091	4175	3674	4971
0176	0624	3583	3114	4092	4178	3681	4972
0178	0626	3584	3116	4093	4180	3682	4973
0179	0627	3591	3118		4181		4974
0181	0629	3592	3119		4182		4975
0182	0630	3620	3120		4183		4976
0184	0632	3674	3121		4186		4977
0185	0772	3691	3122		4188		4978
0192	0781	3886	3123		4189		4979
0193	0782	3910	3127		4191		4981
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0272	0814	3979	3177		4271		4988
0281	0816	3981	3179		4272		4989
0282	0820	3982	3180		4273		4990
0283	0830	3983	3181		4274		4991
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0294	0873	3986	3183		4276		4993
0295	0874	3987	3186		4277		4994
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0371	0882	4376	3189		4281		4997
0372	0883		3191		4283		4998

Northland region	Auckland region	Waikato region	Bay of Plenty region	Gisborne region	Hawke's Bay region	Hauraki district	Tararua district
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Notes

1 General

This is a consolidation of the Arms Regulations 1992 that incorporates the amendments made to the legislation so that it shows the law as at its stated date.

2 Legal status

A consolidation is taken to correctly state, as at its stated date, the law enacted or made by the legislation consolidated and by the amendments. This presumption applies unless the contrary is shown.

Section 78 of the Legislation Act 2019 provides that this consolidation, published as an electronic version, is an official version. A printed version of legislation that is produced directly from this official electronic version is also an official version.

3 Editorial and format changes

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4 Amendments incorporated in this consolidation

Arms Act 2026 (2026 No 47): section 393(1)

Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/120)

Arms (Shooting Clubs—Content of Annual Reports) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SL 2024/127)

Arms Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2023 (SL 2023/181)

Arms Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/74)

Arms (Extension of Licences and Endorsements) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/55)

Arms Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/291)

Arms Amendment Regulations 2021 (SL 2021/434)

Legislation Act (Sub-delegated Secondary Legislation) Regulations 2021 (LI 2021/248): regulations 137, 138

Arms Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/309)

Arms Legislation Act 2020 (2020 No 23): section 109

Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2019 (LI 2019/288)

Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/136)

Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Act 2019 (2019 No 12): section 74

Arms (Electronic Transactions) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/271)

Corrections Amendment Regulations 2017 (LI 2017/113): regulation 6

Arms (Military Style Semi-automatic Firearms and Import Controls) Amendment Act 2012 (2012 No 117): sections 15–20

Criminal Procedure Act 2011 (2011 No 81): section 413

Arms Amendment Regulations 2009 (SR 2009/373)

Corrections Act 2004 (2004 No 50): section 207

Arms Amendment Regulations 1998 (SR 1998/466)

Arms Amendment Regulations 1998 (SR 1998/155)

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Arms Act 1983 (1983 No 44): section 74C(3)(b)

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