

How to Get a Firearms Licence in New Zealand

Who Can Apply?

- **Age requirement:** You must be at least 16 years old.
- **Previous revocation:** You must not have had a previous licence revoked in the past 5 years (unless reversed by a District Court).
- **Disqualification:** You must not be disqualified under section 22H of the Firearms Act.

How To Apply

- **Application form:** Pick up the official application form from any police station.
- **Fill out form:** Fill out all relevant sections of the application form.
- **Doctor's details:** Provide your doctor's name and contact details (unless you are visiting New Zealand).
- **Submit the form:** Submit the completed form and your doctor's information to the police station.
- **Renewals:** If you are renewing, apply before your current licence expires.
- **Fees:** Pay the application fee.
 - **\$126.50**
 - * First-time applications.
 - * Renewals made before current licence expires.
 - **\$241.50**
 - * Renewals made after current licence has expired.

Licence Issuing

- **Eligibility checks:** The police will confirm you have submitted a complete application and that you meet the age and character criteria.
- **Storage:** The police will ensure you have appropriate and secure storage for your firearms and ammunition (this includes visitors to New Zealand).
- **Refusals:** The police will decline an application for a licence if they consider you unfit or if your previous licence was revoked for concerns over your fitness to hold one.
- **Doctor notifications:** After your licence has been issued the police will notify your doctor (not required for visitors).