



## FIREARMS AND LICENSING INFORMATION SHEET

Produced for the National Rifle Association of NZ – Long Range World Championships

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This information sheet has been prepared to assist competitors intending to travel to Trentham, New Zealand to compete in the 2019 Long Range World Championships and associated NRANZ National competition, scheduled from 26<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

### 1) POSSESSION AND USE OF FIREARMS WITHIN NEW ZEALAND

- Those wishing to possess firearms in New Zealand must by law have a current 10-year NZ firearms licence or a current NZ Visitors firearms licence.
- Every firearm imported into NZ requires a Police permit to import.
- The Visitor licence also includes a Police permit for those seeking to import firearms.
- Regulation 19 of the Arms Regulations 1992, require those in possession of firearms to meet minimum firearm storage security measures, whilst the firearm is not in use by the licence holder.
- Anyone landing in NZ without being granted a Visitor firearms licence and permit to import will risk having their firearm/s seized at the border. They will be referred to a local Police Arms Officer to consider any application for a Visitor licence which will likely cause you delays. Such applicants will be required to show they have a current firearms licence allowing possession, in their home Country.
- The minimum age to apply for a firearms licence is 16 years.

### 2) APPLYING FOR A NZ VISITORS FIREARMS LICENCE:

- Competitors are required to apply on-line for a NZ Visitor firearms licence **at least one month prior to date of intended travel**.
- Web link is: [www.police.govt.nz](http://www.police.govt.nz) and click on “Request a visitor’s firearms licence” in the panel on the left.
- Enter all details **accurately**, so that you may be properly identified.
- On Page 1 of the application, the main address you will be staying at while in NZ refers to your **accommodation address**.
- Your arrival flight airport, date and flight number must relate to the international airport where your flight **first touches down** in NZ. That airport will be where you undergo NZ Customs and Police firearms checks and your NZ Visitor firearms licence and permit to import documents will be waiting your arrival. You may then board internal flights if required.
- Your departure flight airport must relate to your international flight departure airport, date and flight number, not any internal flight.
- Enter full details to describe the type/action etc of your firearm including serial number. This information will show on your NZ Police import permit and must be correct.
- If importing more than one firearm, click on “Firearm 2” (or more) and enter full details.
- **Secure firearms storage - this is an important part of your electronic licence application and must be accurate.**
- Address where firearms will be stored while in NZ:  
Place must be the address where your firearm will be held securely overnight.  
Select from one of the following:
  - secure shipping containers organised by the NRANZ, located on-site at Seddon Range, Trentham (teams and non-team individuals must make an early booking with NRANZ to use this security arrangement). Rifles, ammunition and other equipment may be stored within the secure containers. However, note that rifle bolts must be stored at another location, i.e. take them to your accommodation.  
For Place, enter: Secure on-site storage, Seddon Range, Trentham  
For Who with: Enter Ross Mason, NRANZ  
Their NZ Firearms No: Enter S0231978  
*NB: Whilst secure storage has been arranged by NRANZ, it neither covers nor extends to insurance cover for your firearms. This remains your responsibility and choice.*

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- If you are intending to secure your firearm/s within your accommodation overnight, your rifle/s must be held in a lockable rifle container, ensuring your ammunition and bolt are securely stored separately. **Firearm/s must not be left unattended in any vehicle, especially overnight.**  
For Place, Enter: Your actual accommodation address details  
For Who with, Enter: Ross Mason  
Their NZ Firearms No, Enter: S0231978
- If you are staying with other NZ-based competitors residing locally, seek their guidance as you may utilise their Police-approved firearms security overnight.  
For Place, Enter: Your friend's residential address  
For Who with, Enter: Your friend's full name  
Their NZ Firearms No: Enter their NZ firearms licence number

- Once you have submitted your electronic application, the Police licensing office will email you a receipt confirmation and may ask for additional information, if required. If you do not receive a confirmation email within 14 days of applying, email an enquiry to: [visitors.licences@police.govt.nz](mailto:visitors.licences@police.govt.nz)
- Once your application has been assessed, you will receive a confirmation email advising your visitor licence has been granted.
- The period your licence remains valid will be extended a few days past your intended departure date from New Zealand. Please note it will be unlawful for you to be in possession of firearms in New Zealand past your licence expiry date. Should your departure be delayed, contact a local Police Arms Officer by phoning 04-381 2000.
- **The documentation will also include a Police permit to import the firearm/s you have described in your application for use in the target shooting competition.** It will be a condition of the import permit that your rifles must be exported from New Zealand when you depart.
- You do not need a permit to export your firearm/s from NZ. However, you must fill in a "Notification of exempted sporting firearms export" form and email that to the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (MFAT) either shortly before departing NZ or as soon as you return to your home country. Copies of the form are available from the MFAT website, and extra copies from the NРАНZ meeting office.
- It is recommended you discuss with your airline your intention to travel with firearms (and ammunition if applicable) at the time of making your flight reservations.

### 3) AMMUNITION:

- Your NZ Visitor licence allows you to purchase ammunition or ammunition components within NZ.
- Airlines, under the standard IATA agreement, will normally allow you to carry as checked luggage, only up to 5kg of safety ammunition, with certain packaging conditions met.
- Approvals to import ammunition into NZ are not handled by Police, but the Environmental Protection Agency. The link is: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/>
- Enquiries relating to importation of ammunition in bulk should be forwarded to EPA, but competitors will likely find that as safety ammunition is considered a low risk, no import certificate is required, unless intending to import substantial amounts (i.e. pallet loads).

### 4) FURTHER INFORMATION OR ADVICE:

- For further information or advice on licensing, firearms importation or firearms security, visit the firearms section at weblink: [www.police.govt.nz](http://www.police.govt.nz) or email enquiries to [raymond.vine@police.govt.nz](mailto:raymond.vine@police.govt.nz)



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