

## Notice

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Game Animal Council  
NEW ZEALAND

# Applying for an endorsement and permit to possess prohibited items

The following is a notice from NZ Police:

Changes in firearms legislation since 12 April 2019 has led to a ban on most semi-automatic firearms and some pump action shotguns; and also, certain large capacity magazines. There are limited exemptions.

The following categories of persons may be able to apply for an endorsement and permit to possess prohibited items. A fee is charged for each application submitted to Police for an endorsement for a prohibited item.

Exemption categories for possessing prohibited firearms, prohibited items, prohibited parts and prohibited magazines

- A licensed dealer, or an employee or agent of a licensed dealer.
- A bona fide collector of firearms. Collections must have an identifiable theme. An ad hoc, unrelated group of firearms is not a 'collection'
- A person to whom a prohibited item has special significance as an heirloom or memento.
- A director or curator of a bona fide museum.
- An approved employee or member of a broadcaster (within the meaning of the Broadcasting Act 1989) or a bona fide theatre company, society, cinematic, television film production company, or video recording production company.
- A person who is employed or engaged by the Department of Conservation and involved in operations for the purpose of controlling wild animals or animal pests. (In accordance with the Wildlife Act 1953, the Wild Animal Control Act 1977, the Conservation Act 1987, or the Biosecurity Act 1993)

- A person who is the holder of a concession granted by the Minister of Conservation to undertake wild animal recovery operations (In accordance with the Wildlife Act 1953, the Wild Animal Control Act 1977, the Conservation Act 1987, or the Biosecurity Act 1993)
- A person who is employed or engaged by a management agency as defined in section 100 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 and involved in operations for the purpose of controlling wild animals or animal pests in accordance with that Act.
- A person whose sole business, or a substantial part of whose business, is providing services to control any prescribed wild animals or animal pests, or a person employed or engaged by that person for that purpose. Prescribed animals are wild deer, chamois, tahr, wild pigs, wild goats, wallaby, feral rabbit, feral hare, and Canada geese.

More information on the process to apply for each category, including application forms, is available at

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/apply-endorsement-and-permit-possess-prohibited-items>