

Notice

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Game Animal Council
NEW ZEALAND

Details of Firearms Buy-Back Scheme announced

The Government has announced details of the six-month buy-back and amnesty scheme.

The central elements of the scheme are:

- The buy-back offer starts today and runs for six months to 20 December;
- The amnesty to surrender firearms, parts, magazines and ammunition will run until 20 December;
- The buy-back price will reflect the brand, make and model of the prohibited firearm; its base price; and its condition.
- An extensive price list will be published today by Police;
- The compensation for prohibited firearms will be 95 per cent of base price for those in new or near-new condition; 70 per cent of base price for those in used condition; and 25 per cent of base price for those in poor condition;
- The compensation for prohibited parts and magazines will be 70 per cent of base price for those in near new or used condition; and 25 per cent of base price for those in poor condition;
- Compensation for prohibited firearms will only be paid to those with a valid firearms licence. Compensation for prohibited parts and magazines will not require a valid licence;
- Dealers will be compensated for stock;
- A new option allows owners of some prohibited firearms to have them modified by approved gunsmiths to make them lawful, with costs up to \$300 met by the Crown;
- Owners of unique or rare prohibited items may apply for compensation;
- Four options for handing in prohibited firearms will be available in the community.

More information is available at

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/changes-firearms-law-prohibited-firearms>

The prohibited firearms and buy-back price list is here

<https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/prohibited-firearms-and-parts-buy-back-price-list.pdf>

The amnesty buy-back operation instruction sheet is here

<https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/amnesty-buy-back-operation.pdf>

Firearm amnesty and buy-back customer preparation

<https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/firearm-amnesty-and-buy-back-customer-preparation.pdf>