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Consultation on new firearms regulations

Recently legislated changes to the Arms Act come into force on 24 June and require a number of regulatory changes to determine how they work in practice.

The Police have released the proposed regulatory changes for consultation and public input. The proposals specifically relate to:

- types of, and conditions on, dealer licences
- security for firearms
- ammunition sales requirements
- marking of firearm parts
- pistol carbine conversion kits
- mail and internet orders
- review of decisions to refuse to issue a firearms licence or revoke a licence
- add processes and detail to the vetting requirements for applicants who have lived outside of New Zealand for substantial periods of time and introducing new criteria for finding that a person is not fit and proper to be in possession of a firearm to respond to the Royal Commission recommendations.

Submissions are intended to help determine whether the proposals meet the objectives of the legislation, are practical, and if not, how they may be amended. The Game Animal Council will be submitting on behalf of the hunting sector but we encourage others from the sector to have their say on the proposals also.

The full suite of proposals and a submission form are available at <https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/consultation-regulations-enable-firearms-law-changes>.

The closing date for submissions is 25 April 2021 and can be sent to consultation@police.govt.nz. Alternatively, you can mail your submission to:

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