

<b>Title</b>	<b>Identify and understand arms legislation and demonstrate the safe use and security of firearms</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>7</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate: knowledge of arms legislation; knowledge of the construction, operation, safety and security requirements for firearms and ammunition; and the use and care of firearms and ammunition.
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<b>Classification</b>	Mechanical Engineering > Gunsmithing
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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<b>Entry information</b>	
<b>Critical health and safety prerequisites</b>	Must hold a current New Zealand firearm licence and endorsements.

### Explanatory notes

- 1 Persons possessing or working on firearms must comply with the licensing laws in accordance with the Arms Act 1983 and the Arms Regulations 1992.
- 2 Legislation  
 Arms Act 1983.  
 Arms Regulations 1992.  
 Conservation Act 1987.  
 Customs and Excise Act 1996.  
 Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996.  
 Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.  
 Land Transport Act 1998.  
 Maritime Transport Act 1994.  
 National Parks Act 1980.  
*New Zealand Arms Code*. Wellington: New Zealand Police. Available at <http://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/arms-code>.  
 Reserves Act 1977.
- 3 Definitions  
*Accepted industry practice* refers to approved codes of practice and standardised procedures accepted by the wider mechanical engineering industry sectors as examples of best practice.  
*Firearm* is as defined by The Arms Act 1983.  
*Licensed firearms* are as defined by The Arms Act 1983.

*Workplace procedures* refer to procedures used by the organisation carrying out the work and applicable to the tasks being carried out. They may include but are not limited to – standard operating procedures, safety procedures, equipment operating procedures, drawings, job specifications, job breakdowns, assembly instructions, test procedures, codes of practice, quality management practices and standards, procedures to comply with legislative and local body requirements.

#### 4 Assessment information

All activities must comply with applicable workplace procedures and must be consistent with accepted industry practice.

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## Outcomes and evidence requirements

### Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of arms legislation.

#### Evidence requirements

- 1.1 Arms legislation and its administration are identified in terms of the current legislation.
- 1.2 Firearm licence requirements are identified and related to the Arms Act 1983 and the Arms Regulations 1992.  
  
Range includes B, C, E, and F endorsements, and penalties.
- 1.3 Firearm types are identified and related to the New Zealand Arms Code.

### Outcome 2

Demonstrate knowledge of the construction, operation, safety and security requirements for firearms and ammunition.

Range licensed firearms only.

#### Evidence requirements

- 2.1 Construction and function of firearms and ammunition are identified and related to each type of firearm.
- 2.2 Safe handling and operation of firearms are identified and explained for each type in accordance with the New Zealand Arms Code.
- 2.3 Security for firearms and ammunition when not in use is identified and explained in accordance with the Arms Regulations 1992.

**Outcome 3**

Demonstrate the use and care of firearms and ammunition.

Range licensed firearms only.

**Evidence requirements**

- 3.1 Safe handling and use of firearms and ammunition are demonstrated in accordance with legislative requirements and the New Zealand Arms Code.
- 3.2 Malfunctions are diagnosed and corrected in accordance with manufacturer's requirements.
- 3.3 Maintenance of firearms is demonstrated in accordance with manufacturer's requirements.
- 3.4 Security and storage of firearms and ammunition are demonstrated in accordance with the Arms Regulations 1992.

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**Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions**

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	18 December 1996	31 December 2016
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<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0013
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

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Industry Training Organisations must be granted consent to assess against standards by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

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Requirements for consent to assess and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMRs). The CMR also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing

to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

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**Comments on this unit standard**

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