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March update

The National Firearms Register (NFR) project is progressing in partnership with all Australian jurisdictions and relevant Commonwealth agencies. The Northern Territory Police Force (NTPF) remains committed to delivering a system that strengthens police capability, supports intelligence-led policing, and enhances community safety.

At the Police Ministers Council meeting on 9 January 2026, Ministers reaffirmed the importance of maintaining momentum as jurisdictions upgrade and integrate their firearms registry systems. The NT has initially agreed to:

- Support the use of intelligence to underpin firearms licensing
- Australian citizenship becoming a consideration when processing applications
- Accelerate the NFR where possible.

The Commonwealth, states and territories continue to progress national work following the Bondi terrorist attack, including possible reforms to firearms regulation.

Project timeframes will continue to be refined as implementation progresses.

NFR update

All governments continue to prioritise delivery of the National Firearms Register. States, territories and the Commonwealth have agreed on key national policy standards that will enable near real-time, accurate firearms information sharing in alignment with the National Firearms Agreement.

Jurisdictions are now progressing the required policy, legislative and technical changes. This includes developing solutions such as online portals to ensure safe, easy and efficient application processes. We will be engaging with affected stakeholders, including firearms dealers and licence holders in the coming months.

Engagement timeframes will vary across jurisdictions to reflect local requirements and implementation schedules.

For more information, please visit homeaffairs.gov.au/about-us/our-portfolios/criminal-justice/firearms/national-firearms-register.

Firearms self-check form

The NT NFR Project introduced the firearm self-check form in March 2025. The form removes the need for physical inspections to validate the make, model and serial number of each firearm. The self-check is required to ensure all firearms in the NT align with the National Data Standards agreed by all state and territory governments.

A return date of **Friday 17 April 2026** has been set for all NT licence holders to complete a firearm self-check form for each of their firearms.

Effective 1 January 2026, any licence holders lodging a new firearms licence application or a permit to acquire a firearm, must first complete the firearm self-check form for all firearms registered in their name. Applications will not be finalised until this requirement is met, in accordance with sections 9(2)(c) and 32(2) of the *Firearms Act 1997 (NT)*.

The NFR Team will be visiting local firearms clubs and dealerships to provide in-person support to licence holders completing the self-check form. Keep an eye on the NT Police Facebook and Instagram pages @ntpoliceforce for upcoming session dates.

If you haven't already, complete your firearm self-check form now to avoid delays in your applications. More information is available at pfes.nt.gov.au/national-firearms-register.

For further assistance, please contact the NFR Team at NationalFirearmsRegister@pfes.nt.gov.au.

What the NFR is designed to do

The NFR is intended to:

- Support consistent firearms management across Australia
- Modernise and digitise registry processes for licence holders, dealers and industry
- Improve the accuracy, reliability and integrity of firearm records
- Reduce duplication and administrative gaps between jurisdictions.

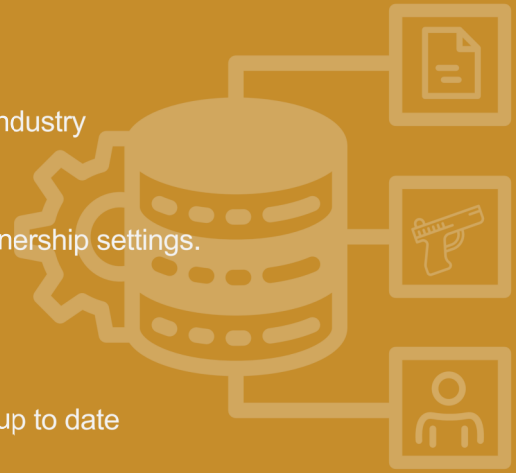
The focus is on strengthening existing record systems - not changing lawful ownership settings.

What this means for licence holders

For firearms licence holders, the NFR aims to deliver:

- Greater confidence that your licence and firearm records are accurate and up to date
- More streamlined licensing, permit and transfer processes over time
- Reduced administrative friction when moving, purchasing, or transferring firearms across jurisdictions
- Lower risk of record errors that can cause delays or compliance issues.

As we implement changes, there will be consultation with affected stakeholders, including dealers and licence holders.



Statistics

Since the launch of the firearm self-check form:

50



The NFR team has attended more than 50 NT events in 2025, including shooting competitions, dealerships, association meetings and 'Coffee with a Cop'.

27%



27% of NT firearms licence holders have completed the self-check form for all firearms registered in their name.

41%



41% of NT firearms have been recorded to the National Firearms Identification Database standard.

NFR talks, stalls and information sessions

If you have an upcoming event that you would like the NFR Team to attend, we'd love to hear from you! Reach out to our team, and we'll work with you to make it happen.



CHANGED ADDRESS?

Don't forget to update your firearms licence. If your home address has changed, you must notify the Firearms Registry within 10 working days.

To download the form, go to pfes.nt.gov.au/police/firearmsweapons/licence-and-permit-information, then click on the 'Miscellaneous Documents' dropdown and select the form named, 'Change of particulars - individual'.

Accessing the firearm self-check form



To access the firearm self-check form, please visit pfes.nt.gov.au/national-firearms-register or scan the QR code.

Additional information including help guides, factsheets and important updates can also be found by visiting the NT National Firearms Register website.

If you require assistance, please contact the National Firearms Register team by emailing NationalFirearmsRegister@pfes.nt.gov.au.