

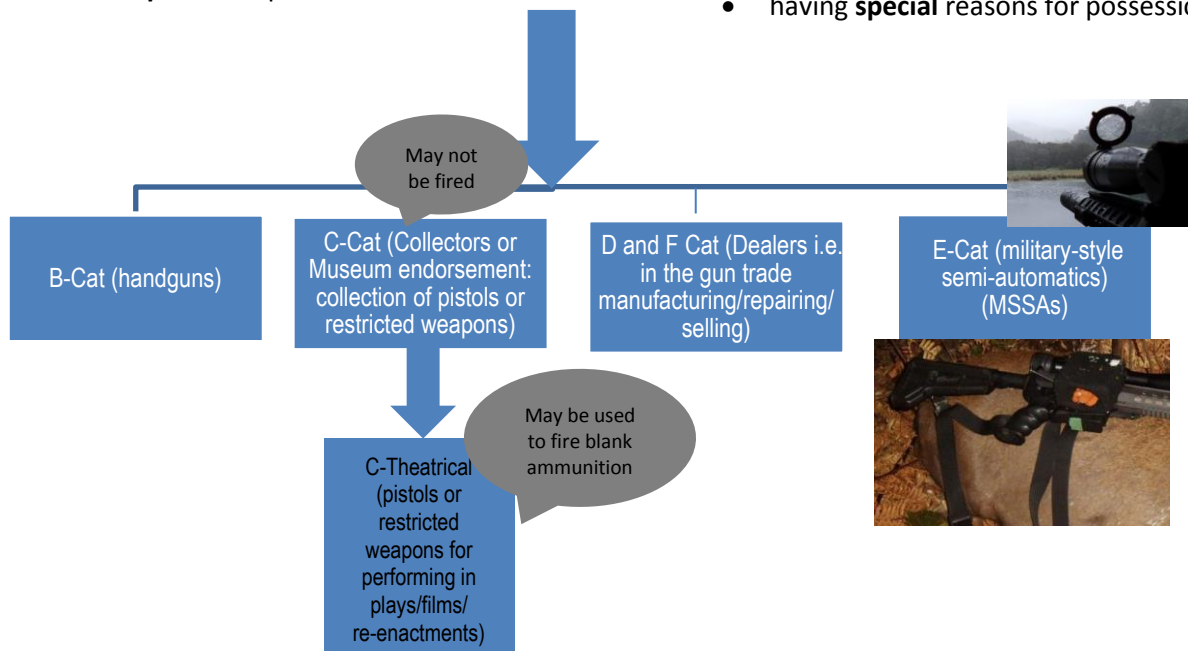
## What it takes to lawfully own a firearm in NZ

1. Be over 16 years old (to obtain a standard firearms licence)
2. Obtain a copy of the Arms Code from the Police. This explains your obligations and responsibilities as a firearms owner and contains the application form.
3. Sit and pass the Firearms Safety Test administered by NZ Police or NZ Mountain Safety Council.
4. Pay the fee and submit the following to your local Arms Officer.
  - a. completed application form.
  - b. receipt for fee.
  - c. two passport size photos.
5. Police will then carry out checks to ensure you are a **"fit and proper"** person, this includes:
  - a. interviewing two referees (one the person you live with) ;
  - b. checking your firearms security arrangements, before your licence is issued.



To own any other types of firearm you need a special addition to your licence – called an endorsement (or in the case of a Dealer, an additional licence) - also known as Category or "Cat". Endorsements require:

- **more vetting** of the licence holder
- firearm registered to the new owner
- firearm may only be purchased after obtaining a **permit** to procure from the Police
- **stricter** security arrangements
- **special** conditions for use (e.g. B-Cat must be Pistol Club Member and active shooter")
- having **special** reasons for possession



For further information please refer to the Arms Code or the Arms Act 1983:

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1983/0044/latest/DLM72622.html>

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