

# INFORMATION SHEET

## FIREARM CATEGORIES (UPDATED)

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## Firearm Categories

This section provides an overview of firearm categories (*Schedule 3 Firearms Regulations 2024*).

Please note there was an error in the *Firearms Regulations 2024* relating to magazine capacities of Category A rim-fire rifles and Category B centrefire rifles which inadvertently made some firearms prohibited firearms. This error has been corrected with the removal of the reference to magazine capacities (struck out and highlighted in red below) to be made to the regulations prior to the commencement of the legislation.

### Category A firearms

- An air rifle that has a calibre of not more than 0.25 inches and that is not self-loading.
- A bolt action or break action shotgun with a magazine capacity of not more than 5 rounds.
- A rim-fire rifle ~~that has a magazine capacity of not more than 10 rounds and~~ that is not self-loading.
- A combination firearm made up of a shotgun and a rifle, each of which would individually be a category A firearm.

### Category B firearms

- An air rifle that has a calibre of more than 0.25 inches and that is not self-loading.
- A centrefire rifle ~~that has a magazine capacity of not more than 10 rounds and~~ that is not self-loading.
- A lever action shotgun with a magazine capacity of not more than 5 rounds.
- A muzzle loading firearm, other than a handgun.
- A combination firearm, not of category C or D, made up of a shotgun and a rifle, at least one of which would individually be a category B firearm.

### Category C firearms

- A self-loading air rifle with a magazine capacity of not more than 10 rounds.
- A self-loading rim-fire rifle with a magazine capacity of not more than 10 rounds.
- A self-loading shotgun with a magazine capacity of not more than 5 rounds.
- A pump action shotgun with a magazine capacity of not more than 5 rounds.

- A combination firearm that is made up of at least 1 category C firearm and that does not include a category D firearm.

### Category D firearms

- A self-loading air rifle with a magazine capacity of more than 10 rounds.
- A self-loading centrefire rifle.
- A firearm that substantially duplicates the design or function of a self-loading centrefire rifle that is designed for military use.
- A self-loading rim-fire rifle with a magazine capacity of more than 10 rounds.
- A pump action shotgun with a magazine capacity of more than 5 rounds.
- A self-loading shotgun with a magazine capacity of more than 5 rounds.
- A lever action shotgun with a magazine capacity of more than 5 rounds.
- A combination firearm made up of at least 1 category D firearm.

### Category E firearms

- A cannon.
- A kiln gun.
- A prescribed paintball gun.
- A tranquilliser gun.
- An underwater explosive device.

### Category H firearms

- A handgun.