Security and Storage

Security and storage matrix

Storage matrix – for all licenses, except for Trade Licences.

1.) How many firearms do you have? 2.) Is your storage location occupied or unoccupied?

3.) What categories of firearms do you have?

Category	< = 5		6 – 15		16 +	
	Occupied	Unoccupied	Occupied	Unoccupied	Occupied	Unoccupied
A &/or B	Grandfathering of existing approved storage **(existing licences ONLY)** **Upgrade** to Level 1 upon addition / replacement of firearms. ***New applicants.**	Level 1 **(3mm steel body & 6mm steel door)**	Level 1	Level 1 + Alarm	Level 1 + Alarm	Level 1 + Alarm + CCTV
Including any C &/or E6	Grandfathering of existing approved storage **(existing licences ONLY)** **Upgrade** to Level 1 upon addition / replacement of firearms. ***New applicants.**	Level 1 + Alarm	Level 1 + Alarm	Level 1 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 1 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 2 + Alarm + CCTV
Including any H	Grandfathering of existing approved storage **(existing licences ONLY)** **Upgrade** to Level 2 **(6mm steel body & 10mm steel door)** upon addition / replacement of firearms. ***New applicants.**	Level 2 + Alarm	Level 2 + Alarm	Level 2 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 2 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 3 **(Grade V Safe)** + Alarm + CCTV
E (other than E6)	Grandfathering of existing approved storage **(existing licences ONLY)**	Grandfathering of existing approved storage **(existing licences ONLY)**	Grandfathering of existing approved storage **(existing licences ONLY)**	Grandfathering of existing approved storage **(existing licences ONLY)**	Grandfathering of existing approved storage **(existing licences ONLY)**	Grandfathering of existing approved storage **(existing licences ONLY)**
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*Please refer to Schedule 6 of the *Firearms Regulations 2024* to understand what level of alarm system is required in your circumstances.

How to read the storage matrix:

1. How many firearms do you have? Less than 5, 6-15, or 16+
2. Is your storage location occupied or unoccupied? E.g., inside the house you reside in, or the shed out the backyard?
3. What categories of firearms do you have? Category A, B, C, E &/or H.

Example 1:

A firearm authority holder has 4 category A & B firearms at an occupied premises. They can retain their existing approved storage until they either replace a firearm or get an additional firearm.

Example 2:

A firearm authority holder has 7 category A & B firearms and 2 category H firearms at an unoccupied premises. They require a Level 2 cabinet with alarm and CCTV for all firearms stored at that location.

Notes:

Alarm means Operational Level 1 or 2 alarm system.

CCTV means Operational video surveillance system.

Storage level specifications

Level 1

- 3mm steel cabinet – 6mm steel door*; **or**
- Grade V safe as determined by *AS/NZS 3809:1998 Safes and Strongrooms*, **or**
- Compliant secure room or strong room.

*These specifications provide for composite constructed cabinets e.g. steel/concrete/steel.

Level 2

- 6mm steel cabinet – 10mm steel door*, **or**
- Grade V safe as determined by AS/NZS 3809:1998 Safes and Strongrooms, **or**
- Compliant secure room or strong room.

*These specifications provide for composite constructed cabinets e.g. steel/concrete/steel.

Level 3

- Grade V safe as determined by AS/NZS 3809:1998 Safes
- and Strongrooms, **or**
- Compliant secure room or strong room.

Strongroom

- Has a resistance rating of at least XI as determined by *AS/NZS 3809:1998 Safes and Strongrooms.*

Secure room

- As per Schedule 5 – compliant secure room requirements (*Firearms Regulations 2024*).

Shared compliant storage (*s.311(3) Firearms Act 2024, r.284 Firearms Regulations 2024*)

Firearm authority holders may store their firearms in the same cabinet at an approved storage location if:

- The firearm is rendered temporarily inoperable, including, for example, by:
  - Using a trigger or action lock; **or**
  - Removing a bolt, firing pin or major firearm part from the firearm.

For example, a family could store all their firearms in one large cabinet so long as they are made temporarily inoperable so other family members with access to the firearms cabinet cannot use the firearm.

Operational alarm systems (*r.267 Firearms Regulations 2024*)

Operational level 1 alarm system – must meet **or** exceed the following when armed:

- The system has motion sensors that can detect movement in the storage place;
- The motion sensors display lights are not illuminated when movement is detected by the sensor;
- The system sounds an alarm when motion is detected by the motion sensors;
- At least 1 person who stores firearms at the storage place is notified that motion is detected by the motion sensors;
- The system otherwise substantially complies with the recommendations, requirements or other provisions that apply to alarm systems under AS/NZA 2201.1:2007.

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Operational level 2 alarm system – must meet **or** exceed Operational level 1 alarm when armed, as well as:

- The system has seismic sensors to detect whether a firearm repository within the storage place is the subject of a physical attack, or an attempt to move the firearm repository from the storage place;
- The system sounds an alarm when the seismic sensors detect a physical attack on a firearm repository or an attempt to move the firearm repository;

- At least 1 person who stores firearms at the storage place is notified the seismic sensors detect a physical attack on a firearm repository or an attempt to move the firearm repository;
- The system has a duress alarm allowing a person to activate the system or an alarm by, for example, pressing a button;
- The control panel for the system is in a part of the storage place that is not accessible to the public.

Both Operational Level 1 and Operational Level 2 alarm systems must operate in the entirety of the storage place; and the areas outside the storage place from which the place can be accessed.

Note:

Both systems require a schedule of maintenance. The regulator may request a record showing work carried out maintaining the compliant alarm system within the previous 5 years from the date of notice.

Operational video surveillance systems (*r.268 Firearms Regulations 2024*)

Must meet **or** exceed the following:

- The video cameras included in the surveillance system have a frame rate of 12.5 frames per second;
- The surveillance system displays the date and time the video is taken on the video, but not so that the date and time cover a firearm repository or the entrance points to the storage place;
- The surveillance system is connected to an uninterruptible power supply;
- If the surveillance system ceases to take or record video, at least 1 person who stores firearms at the place where the system takes video is notified;
- Access to the surveillance system, and the recorded video, is protected by a password;
- The surveillance system is accessible remotely by at least 1 person who stores firearms at the place when the system takes video;
- The surveillance system keeps a record of each time the system is accessed;
- The surveillance system retains the recorded video for at least the period of 30 days beginning on the day on which the video is recorded;
- The surveillance system is able to export uncompressed images from video, or export the video in its native formation, while the system still takes and records video;
- The surveillance system is able to take video that captures a person's face consistently with the recommendations of AS 4806.2:2006 in relation to facial recognition;

- The surveillance system otherwise substantially complies with the recommendations, requirements or other provisions that apply to video surveillance systems under AS 4806:2006.
- An operational video surveillance system must record video in the entirety of the storage place, the areas outside the storage place from which the place can be accessed and includes multiple video cameras so that more than 1 camera records video in the same area.