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### ***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 29 April 2022. Your questions are listed below, followed by an answer for each.

*Number of processed fire arm applications by Central District for the last four years provided separately for every year please.*

*Annual number of applications divided by approved and rejected applications for the same four years period.*

Between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2021, Police completed processing 6,815 standard firearms licences where the applicant currently resides in the Central Police District. This includes new applicants and renewals. Although 29 of these were initially refused, all were subsequently granted after a review. Not all of these licences are active now, some may have been later revoked, surrendered, or cancelled.

Year of Licence Completion Date	Standard Licences
2018	2,641
2019	1,816
2020	1,186
2021	1,172
Total	6,815

*Total number of staff processing fire arm applications in Central District please.*

There are 21 staff who work in the Firearms Safety & Control area at the Central Police District. This includes arms administrators and officers, arms veters, and supervisors. As part of the Arms Modernisation Programme, some functions are now performed in centralised locations, and these are carried out in Wellington (Kapiti Communications /

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Digital Centre and Police National Headquarters). There are 73 staff involved in firearms licensing work at these two locations. Other constabulary members become involved at different times to support administrative requirements of the Arms Act 1983 but are not employed in the firearms groups specifically.

Police has a process for proactive release of information, so the anonymised response to your request may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website <https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/firearms-information-responses>

Yours sincerely



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