



**Te Tari Pūreke**  
Firearms Safety Authority

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Brett Cooper

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Dear Brett

I am writing to you in response to your Official Information Act 1982 request dated 21 March 2023. You asked for:

*I am trying to understand the endorsements on this document.*

*<https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/firearms-data>*

*On the sheet 'Active standard licence endorse' is listed Endorsement types B,C,F,L,M,P and T*

*I have found some information on B,C,E and F. What do L,M,P and T stand for?*

*A complete list of the endorsement types used would be most helpful, incase my current understanding is wrong.*

The lettering system used to refer to endorsements and licences, though often used by Police, is an administrative alphabetic approach used to distinguish between each licence and endorsement and are not their correct names. While this alphabetic system has little basis in the Arms Act 1983, the key legislation that informs the arms regulatory system, each licence and endorsement is, in limited circumstances, referred to by its letter rather than its correct name. This administrative approach remains in use, including in the monthly firearms data report you have referenced.

Please find attached to this response a table that lists every licence and endorsement by the administrative letter it is known as, the full name of each, and where further information relating to each can be found.

For your information, Police has developed a process for proactive release of information, so the anonymised response to your request may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Richard Wilson  
**Superintendent**  
**Director Operations**  
**Firearms Safety Authority**

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**Table of All Licences and Endorsements and Further Information**

<b>Lettered Name</b>	<b>Full Legislative Name</b>	<b>Further Information</b>
A Standard Licence	Firearms Licence	Information relating to the Firearms Licence can be found here: <a href="https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/manage-and-apply/licensing/firearms-licence">https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/manage-and-apply/licensing/firearms-licence</a>
D Dealer	Dealer's Licence	Information relating to the Dealer's Licence can be found here: <a href="https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/manage-and-apply/licensing/dealers-licence">https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/manage-and-apply/licensing/dealers-licence</a>
V-Visitor	Firearms Licence issued to a Visitor for a period up to 12 months	Information relating to the Firearms Licence issued to a Visitor can be found here: <a href="https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/manage-and-apply/visitors">https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/manage-and-apply/visitors</a>
B Endorsement	Pistol Target Shooting Endorsement	Information relating to all these endorsements can be found here: <a href="https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/manage-and-apply/licensing/endorsements">https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/manage-and-apply/licensing/endorsements</a>
C Endorsement	Collector Endorsement	
F Endorsement	Dealer Employee Endorsement	
L Endorsement	Living History Member Endorsement	
P Endorsement	Prohibited Endorsement	
T Endorsement	Theatrical Endorsement	
M Endorsement	Ammunition Seller or Recognition to Possess Prohibited Ammunition	Information relating to these endorsements can be found at the below links: <a href="https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/recognitionnotification-forms">https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/recognitionnotification-forms</a> <a href="https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/ammunition-possession-and-sale">https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/ammunition-possession-and-sale</a>