



Manatū
Taonga

Ministry
for Culture
& Heritage

GUIDELINES FOR LICENSED TRADERS IN TAONGA TŪTURU

1. Any auctioneer or secondhand dealer wishing to become licensed to trade in taonga tūturu within the terms of the Protected Objects Act 1975, must first be licensed under either the Auctioneers Act 1928 or the Secondhand Dealers Act 1963. The relevant sections of the Protected Objects Act 1975 which apply to auctioneers & secondhand dealers are sections 15 & 16.
2. A taonga tūturu, within the meaning of the Protected Objects Act, is any object that relates to Maori culture, history, or society; and was, or appears to have been, manufactured or modified in New Zealand by Maori; or brought into New Zealand by Maori; or used by Maori; and is more than 50 years old.
3. Dealers may **not** trade in newly-found taonga tūturu, which are those found since the Antiquities Act (now the Protected Objects Act) came into force on 1 April 1976. All newly-found taonga tūturu are allotted a national registration number - a "Z" number.
4. Licensed auctioneers and secondhand dealers may **only** trade in privately-owned taonga tūturu, that is, those which formed part of a private collection or were found prior to 1 April 1976.
5. All privately owned taonga tūturu which are made available for sale are required to be registered with the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, via your closest authorised regional museums. You must complete the *Notification to Authorised Museum of Sale of Y Registered Taonga Tūturu* form available from our website.
6. All taonga tūturu available for sale must be examined by an authorised museum and allocated a unique national registration number - a "Y" number. The (Y) registration of each individual taonga requires the completion of a *Request for Certificate of Examination of Taonga Tūturu* form available from our website. Please allow 28 days for the completion of this process. As per the declaration, the information you provide must be full, complete and correct.
7. There are four authorised museums, please contact the closest one. The authorised regional museums are:
 - Auckland War Memorial Museum
 - Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa
 - Canterbury Museum
 - Otago Museum
8. Licensed dealers may **only** sell taonga tūturu to the following:
 - (a) A registered collector of taonga tūturu within the terms of the Protected Objects Act 1975.
 - (b) A public museum.
 - (c) Another licensed trader in taonga tūturu within the terms of the Protected Objects Act 1975.
9. You must keep a duplicate record of sales of taonga tūturu. This should show details of the vendor and purchaser and the taonga. One copy must be forwarded within 28 days of sale to:
 - Kaitiaki Taonga
 - Collection Manager Humanities
 - Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa
 - PO Box 467
 - WELLINGTON
10. You must display your licence prominently on your premises. It is also recommended that forms for registering as a collector are kept. These are available on our website.
11. Once licensed, your firm's name is placed on the Ministry's website of firms licensed to trade in taonga tūturu under the Protected Objects Act 1975.
12. Please note, the Protected Objects Act 1975 is administered by Manatū Taonga - Ministry for Culture and Heritage. Please direct all enquiries to the Ministry.

All forms are available to download at:

<http://www.mch.govt.nz/nz-identity-heritage/protected-objects/forms>

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