

# Obtaining Your Concealed Carry Permit for Alabama

Once you have earned a certificate of completion, there are a few more steps to obtain your permit to carry in Alabama. This document will cover resident and non-resident applications, the materials you will need, where and how to apply, state reciprocity, and links to Alabama laws and guidelines.

## Is a Concealed Carry Permit Required in Alabama?

You must have a concealed carry permit to carry in Alabama. These are the requirements:

- To apply for an Alabama CCW permit, you must be at least 19.
- You must be a resident of Alabama.
- Alabama Concealed Carry Permits are not issued to non-residents.
- You must reside in the county where you are applying.
- You must not have any convictions involving violence.
- You must be an American citizen or a legal alien.
- You cannot be a drug addict or frequent drinker. You must be of sound mind and not have been admitted against your will to a psychiatric or drug treatment facility.
- Under federal law, you are banned from applying for a concealed carry permit if you have been convicted of murder manslaughter, rape, mayhem, assault with intent to commit robbery, burglary, kidnapping or any class A or B felony.
- In Alabama there is no general rule for completion of a firearms training course before you can apply for a CCW permit. However, some counties require it.
- Alabama law states that you must apply in your town or city of residence. You can get an application form from the local county sheriff's office. Your completed application is submitted to the sheriff's office in your county.
- The fees for a concealed handgun permit in Alabama vary from county to county. Costs range from five to twenty dollars a year. The local sheriff sets the cost.
- In Alabama, your Concealed Handgun Permit can be for one year or five years.

## Documents Needed

- Completed, signed, and notarized application form
- Current Alabama driver's license, military card, or Alabama-issued photo ID.
- Proof of citizenship (e.g., passport, birth certificate, certificate of citizenship from immigration authorities, or a current or expired U.S. passport)

## Can I Get an Alabama CCW Permit Online?

Yes, you can. The course we offer will allow you to apply for your Alabama resident concealed carry permit. Simply go online at an online CCW site accredited by the state of Alabama like National Carry Academy (<http://www.nationalcarryacademy.com>). First, complete the state-approved firearms safety course. This must be done before completing your CCW application in some Alabama counties.

Next, download and complete the CCW permit application or obtain one at your county sheriff's office. Then submit the application for processing at the office of your county sheriff.

## What if I am not a Resident of Alabama?

If you are a non-resident, you may not apply for a non-residents' CCW permit in Alabama. However, you can get a Virginia non-resident permit online. This permit is accepted by many states.

## State Reciprocity

Obtaining a Concealed Carry Handgun Permit allows you to every day carry a concealed weapon in Alabama. Moreover, if another state you choose to visit has a reciprocity agreement under Concealed Carry Reciprocity legislation with the state of Alabama, your Alabama Concealed Carry Handgun permit allows you to carry in those states as well.

Your Alabama Concealed Carry Handgun Permit is recognized by the following states:

Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

## Resident and Non-Resident Application

Alabama does not issue CCW permits to non-residents. However, the state does recognize CCW permits from several other states. Alabama honors all out of state concealed carry permits pursuant to section 13A-11-85 of the Alabama Code. Any person who has a concealed carry permit in another U.S. state can legally carry their firearm in Alabama. They will be subject to Alabama gun laws while in that state.

### Residents

Your completed application is submitted to the sheriff's office in your county.

1. Some counties require proof of a weapons safety and training course in person or online at an Alabama-approved facility or website.
2. Obtain a certificate of completion of the course.
3. Download an Alabama Handgun Permit application ([https://www.alabamasheriffs.com/pistol\\_permits](https://www.alabamasheriffs.com/pistol_permits)) or pick one up at your local sheriff's office.
4. Fill out the two-page application form
5. Call to schedule an appointment
6. Present the application and necessary documentation **in person** to the county sheriff's office where you reside.
7. Include the following documents with your application:
  - Completed, signed, and notarized application form
  - Certificate of successful completion of firearms training certificate if required by your county of residence.
  - Current Alabama driver's license, military card, or Alabama-issued photo ID.
  - Proof of citizenship (e.g., passport, birth certificate, certificate of citizenship from immigration authorities, or a current or expired U.S. passport).
  - Permit fee as noted in your application. These vary from county to county.
8. Submit this material in person to the local sheriff's office.

### Non-Residents

Seeking an online CCW permit through Virginia NON-Resident permit which is accepted in Alabama as a non-resident permit. In addition Alabama accepts CCW permits from all other states.