

Obtaining Your Concealed Carry Permit for Colorado

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

Is a Concealed Carry Permit Required in Colorado?

Colorado is a “shall issue” state. Concealed carry permits are issued to county residents by local sheriff’s offices.

Steps to Acquire a Colorado Concealed Carry Permit

To qualify you must:

- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Be a legal resident of Colorado.
- Not have been convicted of perjury.
- Not chronically and habitually use alcoholic beverages.
- Not be an unlawful user of or addicted to a controlled substance.
- Not be subject to a protection order.
- Demonstrate competence with a handgun. Presently, Colorado accepts online firearms training. However, Colorado residents must demonstrate competence with a handgun to an instructor as well.
- Meet federal law requirements (<https://www.usconcealedcarry.com/resources/federal-ccw-law/federally-prohibited-persons/>).
- Download here (<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Concealed%20Handgun%20Permit%20Application.pdf>) or pick up an application form at your county sheriff’s office. To locate your county sheriff’s office check: <https://coloradosheriffs.org/resources/counties/>
- Include payment in cash, credit card, money order or certified check for \$52.50. This includes the cost of a fingerprint and background check.

Once the application process is complete, the local sheriff must grant or deny the concealed carry permit within ninety days.

State Reciprocity

Acquiring a concealed carry permit allows you to every day carry a concealed weapon in Colorado. In addition, Colorado will recognize a valid concealed carry permit issued by another state if:

- That state honors a Colorado permit.
- The permit holder is a resident of the issuing state.
- The permit holder has a current driver's license or a State ID showing residency of that state.
- The permit holder is 21 years of age or older.
- The permit holder has a valid CCW permit.

Colorado does not recognize a concealed carry permit issued by any state to a nonresident of that state.

Resident and Non-Resident Application

Some states have different requirements and guidelines for resident and non-resident concealed carry permits. Colorado issues resident permit. The only non-resident permits issued are to members of the military permanently stationed in Colorado and their immediate family members.

Residents

1. Complete a weapons safety and training course in person or online at a Colorado-approved facility or website.
2. Prove to a qualified instructor that you are competent with a handgun.
3. Obtain a certificate of completion of the course.
4. Download or pick up an application form. If you want a Colorado handgun Carry Permit, you must visit a full service Driver License Station. For a list of locations visit <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/safety/driver-services/locations.html>.
5. Include the following documents:
 - Provide proof of legal Colorado residency (e.g., certified birth certificate or valid U.S. Passport). Check to see which other documents suffice by clicking on: <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/safety/driverservices/classd/dl/citizen.html>.
 - Include payment in cash, credit card, money order or certified check for \$52.50.
 - Once the application process is complete, the sheriff has ninety days to confirm or deny your Colorado concealed carry permit.

Non-Residents

Colorado non-residents can apply for the Virginia Non-Resident Concealed Handgun Permit to qualify for their CCW training. It is no longer valid in Colorado but it is a great alternative for Colorado residents and non-residents who wish to visit other states.

How to Apply for a Virginia Non-Resident Permit

To apply for your Virginia non-resident permit visit:

http://www.vsp.state.va.us/Firearms_NonresidentConcealed.shtm

or go to www.vsp.state.va.us.

1. Complete firearms training course at an accredited sight like National Carry Academy (<http://nationalcarryacademy.com>).
2. Download and print a certificate of successful completion.
3. Apply to Virginia website. See (<http://nationalcarryacademy.com>). For details.
4. If you have questions, contact the state of Virginia (www.vsp.state.va.us).

Click on "firearms/concealed handguns".

Click on the "Nonresident Concealed Handgun Permits" link.

This will bring you to a page that details the application process.

Begin the application process immediately by downloading the checklist of all documents that need to be prepared to make your application.

For more information on Handgun Carry Permits in Colorado, visit

<https://www.Colorado.gov/pacific/cbi/chpfaq>.

Congratulations on your decision to get a Colorado concealed carry permit. I hope this email has been informative. If we can be of further assistance please contact us at:

<http://www.nationalcarryacademy.com> or give us a call at 612.839.1835. We're here to help.