

Obtaining Your Concealed Carry Permit for **Iowa**

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

Is a Concealed Carry Permit Required in Iowa?

- There are two types of Iowa CCW permits. For professional permits, you must be at least eighteen. These are issued to people who need their weapon for work.
- Non-professional permits are issued to people who are at least twenty-one. A permit to carry openly or concealed is required within city limits.
- To get an Iowa Concealed Carry Permit, you must have completed a state-approved firearms training course either in person or online.
- If you have a felony conviction in Iowa you may not get an Iowa Concealed Carry permit.
- Your firearms rights are also restricted if you have a non-violent Class D felony conviction.
- 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.
- You must be a resident of Iowa, own a business, be employed, or go to school in Iowa.

Documents Needed

- Completed, signed, and notarized application form
- Certificate of successful completion of firearms training certificate
- Current Iowa driver's license, military card, or Iowa-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).

State Reciprocity

Acquiring a concealed carry permit allows you to every day carry a concealed weapon in Iowa. Moreover, if another state you choose to visit has a reciprocity agreement under Concealed Carry Reciprocity legislation with the state of Iowa, your Iowa concealed carry weapon permit allows you to carry in those states as well. Iowa honors all states valid concealed carry permits under the terms of the Concealed Carry Reciprocity legislation.

To find out which states recognize your Iowa concealed carry permit, click on:
https://www.usconcealedcarry.com/resources/ccw_reciprocity_map/ia-gun-laws/.

Resident and Non-Resident Application

Some states have different requirements and guidelines for Resident and non-resident concealed carry permits.

Residents

If you are an Iowa resident, then your concealed carry must be from Iowa. You can apply for an Iowa concealed carry permit with the sheriff of the county in which you reside. You need to present a valid Iowa drivers' license or other Iowa-issued ID.

1. Complete a weapons safety and training course in person or online at a Iowa-approved facility or website.
2. Obtain a certificate of completion of the course.
3. Iowa law states that you must apply in person or online at the Iowa State Police portal (<https://www.in.gov/isp/2829.htm>). At this handgun license portal, you will be provided with a step-by-step process for getting your application for an Iowa License to Carry a Handgun.
4. Fill out the two-page application form
5. Once you have completed the Handgun License Application online, you can schedule an appointment to submit your fingerprints electronically at a location convenient to you. This must be done within ninety days of applying.
6. Present the application and necessary documentation **in person** to the nearest Iowa State Patrol Headquarters
7. Include the following documents with your application:
 - Completed, signed, and notarized application form
 - Certificate of successful completion of firearms training certificate
 - Current Iowa driver's license, military card, or Iowa-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: The cost for a carry permit is \$54 for a new one and \$29 to renew your permit. If you are applying for renewal, you have to show proof of further training.

The processing time for an Iowa Concealed Carry permit is approximately 30 days. If you are renewing your concealed carry permit be sure to do so at least thirty days prior to its expiration. In Iowa, non-professional permits are valid for five years. Professional permits are valid for a year.

Non-Residents

If you are a non-resident, your concealed carry permit does not have to be from your home state. Iowa issues permits to residents and members of the military. Non-resident permits are issued if you work in Iowa or go to school there.

Iowa residents cannot apply for the Virginia Non-resident Concealed Handgun Permit to qualify for their CCW training. However, non-resident may have their out-of-state CCW permits accepted in Iowa as of 2019.