

Obtaining Your Concealed Carry Permit for New Mexico

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

Is a Concealed Carry Permit Required in New Mexico?

New Mexico is a “shall issue” state. This means that if you are a resident and you qualify under state law, the state will issue you a New Mexico Concealed Handgun License (CHL). In New Mexico, you can open carry without a permit.

In order to be eligible to apply for a New Mexico concealed carry permit, you must be:

- Be twenty-one or older
- Have completed an accredited in-person or online firearm training course
- Be a resident of New Mexico or be in the armed forces or a spouse of someone in the military
- Be an American citizen
- Not have been convicted of certain misdemeanors within the last ten years, including stalking, violation of an order of protection, sexual assault and public indecency.

Under the Concealed Carry Reciprocity legislation, New Mexico will recognize permits issued by those states which have standards equal to or greater than New Mexico. To check to see if other states accept New Mexico’s concealed carry permit. The state recognizes concealed carry permits from Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

Documents Needed

- Completed, signed, and notarized application form
- Certificate of successful completion of firearms training certificate
- Current New Mexico driver’s license, military card, or New Mexico-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 New Mexico. Moreover, if another state you choose to visit has a reciprocity agreement under Concealed Carry Reciprocity legislation with the state of New Mexico, your New Mexico concealed carry weapon permit allows you to carry in those states as well. To find out which states recognize your New Mexico concealed carry permit, click on:

<https://www.gunstocarry.com/gun-laws-state/new-mexico-gun-laws/>.

Resident and Non-Resident Application

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

Residents

Concealed weapons permits are processed at the state level by the New Mexico Department of Public Safety.

1. Complete a weapons safety and training course in person or online at a New Mexico-approved facility or website. New Mexico accepts courses sponsored by a college, state, or federal law enforcement agency, a firearms training school or an organization recognized nationally and approved by the New Mexico Department of Health and Safety.
2. Obtain a certificate of completion of the course.
3. Go to your local Police or Sheriff to get fingerprinted
4. Gather all the documents required:
 - Two fingerprint cards
 - Certified original copy of your birth certificate, must be issued by vital statistics in the state in which you were born
 - Copy of certificate of completion of firearms training
 - Copy of New Mexico Driver's License or photo Identification Card
 - Release forms and any other supporting documentation
5. Send your application and supporting documents to:
NM Department of Public Safety
SID/Concealed Carry Unit
6301 Indian School Rd. NE Suite 310
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Non-Residents

New Mexico residents can apply for the Virginia Non-resident Concealed Handgun Permit to qualify for their CCW training.

Non-residents who are military and their spouses stationed in New Mexico may apply. Non-resident can also apply to have their out-of-state CCW permit transferred. They must present:

- proof of American citizenship
- proof of residency
- proof of age
- a photocopy of the license that is being transferred

Since the Concealed Carry Reciprocity legislation, persons who are NOT residents of New Mexico but have a CCW from an approved state can carry handguns concealed in New Mexico.

For a list of states whose CCW permit New Mexico does not recognize click on:
<https://ag.ks.gov/licensing/concealed-carry/out-of-state-license-recognition>

As a non-resident, you can take the online CCW permit from Virginia.

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).

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.

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 about a New Mexico concealed carry permit, click on: <https://nm-ccw.com/faq.htm>.