

Obtaining Your Concealed Carry Permit for Pennsylvania

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

Is a Concealed Carry Permit Required in Pennsylvania?

Pennsylvania is a “shall issue” state. Concealed carry permits are issued to county residents by local sheriff’s offices or in cities by the chief of police.

To qualify you must:

1. Be at least 21 years of age.
2. Be a legal resident of Pennsylvania.
3. Not have been convicted of perjury.
4. Not chronically and habitually use alcoholic beverages.
5. Not be an unlawful user of or addicted to a controlled substance.
6. Not be subject to a protection order.
7. Pennsylvania does not require a firearms safety course.
8. Meet federal law requirements.

[\(https://www.usconcealedcarry.com/resources/federal-ccw-law/federally-prohibited-persons/\)](https://www.usconcealedcarry.com/resources/federal-ccw-law/federally-prohibited-persons/)

State Reciprocity

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

- That state honors a Pennsylvania 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.

Pennsylvania 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. Pennsylvania issues resident and non-resident permits with the exception of members of the military permanently stationed in Pennsylvania and their immediate family members.

Residents

Steps to Apply for Your Pennsylvania Concealed Carry Permit

1. Download an application here (https://www.norrycopa.net/documents/sheriff/license_to_carry.pdf) or drop by your local county sheriff's office and pick one up. To find your county sheriff's office click on: <https://www.pasheriffs.org/sheriff-information>.
2. Complete application.
3. Provide names and addresses of two references who are not family members.
4. Take the completed application to your county sheriff's office.
5. Provide a Pennsylvania driver's license or Pennsylvania-issued photo identification.
6. Your photo will be taken.
7. Pay \$19 CCW permit fee

CCW permit will be issued or denied by the sheriff within forty-five days.

Non-Residents

Pennsylvania non-residents can apply for the Virginia Non-Resident Concealed Handgun Permit to qualify for their CCW training. It is no longer valid in Pennsylvania but it is a great alternative for Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania, visit <https://www.Pennsylvania.gov/pacific/cbi/chpfaqs>.

Congratulations on your decision to get a Pennsylvania 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.