

Obtaining Your Concealed Carry Permit for Tennessee

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

Is a Concealed Carry Permit Required in Tennessee?

In Tennessee, a carry permit is required to open or concealed carry. Tennessee is a “shall issue” state. Concealed carry weapons permits are issued to Tennessee residents who qualify by the Tennessee Department of Safety & Homeland Security.

Steps to Acquire a Tennessee Concealed Carry Permit

To qualify you must:

- Be at least 21.
- Be an American citizen residing in Tennessee or a member of the armed forces stationed in Tennessee.
- Acquire an in-class or approved online firearms safety training course offered or approved by the Tennessee Department of Safety & Homeland Security.
- Download an application form here (https://dl.safety.tn.gov/_/) . Or pick one up by visiting a full service Driver License Station. For a list of locations visit <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/safety/driver-services/locations.html>.
- Include the following documents: Proof of United States Citizenship or Lawful Permanent 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/dlcitizen.html> 2. Certificate showing you have completed an approved Handgun Safety Course at an approved school or online provider.
- Payment in cash, credit card, money order or certified check. Cost for 8 Year Permit \$100 | Military \$68. Cost for Lifetime Permit \$300 | Military \$268 | Retired Law Enforcement \$100. For information on fees please visit <https://www.tn.gov/safety/handgunmain.html>.
- You must have your picture taken and your electronic signature captured.

Once the application process is complete, the examiner will provide written instructions on fingerprint registration. You may register online or by telephone and schedule your appointment time and location. You must be fingerprinted after your visit to the driver license station, even if you have been fingerprinted in the past and have top-level security clearance.

The cost of the fingerprints is included in the permit fee. After your fingerprints have been submitted, your permit will be mailed within about thirty days.

State Reciprocity

Acquiring a concealed carry permit allows you to every day carry a concealed weapon in Tennessee. Moreover, if another state you choose to visit has a reciprocity agreement under Concealed Carry Reciprocity legislation with the state of Tennessee, your CCW permit will be accepted there. To find out which states recognize your Tennessee concealed carry permit, click on:

https://www.usconcealedcarry.com/resources/ccw_reciprocity_map/tn-gun-laws/#recStates.

Resident and Non-Resident Application

Some states have different requirements and guidelines for resident and non-resident concealed carry permits. Tennessee accepts online permits for both residents and non-residents.

Residents

1. Complete a weapons safety and training course in person or online at a Tennessee-approved facility or website.
2. Obtain a certificate of completion of the course.
3. Download or pick up an application form. If you want a Tennessee 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>.
4. Include the following documents:
 - Proof of United States Citizenship or Lawful Permanent 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/dlcitizen.html>.
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 - You must have your picture taken and your electronic signature captured.
5. Once the application process is complete, the examiner will provide written instructions on fingerprint registration. You may register online or by telephone and schedule your appointment time and location. You must be fingerprinted after your visit to the driver license station, even if you have been fingerprinted in the past and have top-level security clearance. Completed, signed, and notarized application form is required.

Non-Residents

Tennessee non-residents and residents can apply for the Virginia Non-Resident Concealed Handgun Permit to qualify for their CCW training. Kentucky requires the course be a state-approved provider.

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 Tennessee visit <https://www.tn.gov/safety/handgunmain.html>.



Congratulations on your decision to get a Tennessee 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.