

Obtaining Your Concealed Carry Permit for Virginia

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

Is a Concealed Carry Permit Required in Virginia?

In Virginia, open carry is legal without a permit. However, a concealed carry permit is required.

In order to be eligible to apply for a Virginia concealed carry permit:

You must be at least 21 years old.

You are required to complete a firearms training course that has been approved by the state.

1. Obtain a concealed carry application. Virginia law states that you must apply in your town or city of residence or you can download an application from a state-accredited online training site like National Carry Academy (<http://www.nationalcarryacademy.com>).
2. Fill out the application. Make sure you include all required materials in your packet.
3. Include proof of firearms safety training,
4. If you are a resident of Virginia, your application must be filed with the circuit court in your county of residence. Include the completed application and your proof of having completed a firearms training program and a money order or check for \$50.00. This includes a ten-dollar processing fee for filing your application. There is a thirty-five dollar fee for a background check.
5. In Virginia, your Concealed Handgun Permit is issued for five years. Then, it must be renewed.

Documents Needed

- Completed, signed, and notarized application form
- Current Virginia driver's license, military card, or Virginia-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

Obtaining a concealed carry permit allows you to every day carry a concealed weapon in Virginia. Moreover, if another state you choose to visit has a reciprocity agreement under Concealed Carry Reciprocity legislation with the state of Virginia, your Virginia concealed carry weapon permit allows you to carry in those states as well.

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

Resident and Non-Resident Application

Some states have different requirements and guidelines for Resident and non-resident concealed carry permits. Unlike many other states, Virginia offers a non-resident concealed carry permit. So, even if you're not a Virginia resident, you can get your concealed carry permit.

Acquiring a concealed carry permit allows you to every day carry a concealed weapon in the Virginia. Virginia also recognizes all other states' CCW permits. If another state you choose to visit has a reciprocity agreement under Concealed Carry Reciprocity legislation with the state of Virginia, your Virginia concealed carry weapon permit allows you to carry in those states as well. To find out which states recognize your Virginia concealed carry permit, click on: <https://www.stlawva.net/what-states-honor-concealed-carry-permits-from-virginia/>

Residents

The Virginia Handgun Permit is issued to both residents and non-residents. You must be at least 21 years old. You are required to complete a firearms training course that has been approved by the state.

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Non-Residents

If you are a non-resident, you may apply for a Virginia non-residents' CCW permit. Your application must be mailed to the Virginia State Police.

Download an application from Virginia State Police website:

<https://www.vsp.virginia.gov/downloads/firearms/SP-248%20Concealed%20Handgun%20Permit%20Application%20rev%2010-1-17%20edits%201.pdf>

Send the completed application, proof of having completed our firearms safety training course to the Virginia State Police including a money order or check for \$100.00

To apply for your VA non-resident Permit visit:

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

You can also go to www.vsp.state.va.us.

On the left side of the page, click the link for "firearms/concealed handguns" and Click on "Nonresident Concealed Handgun Permits" link.

This will bring you to a page that details the application process. You can begin the application process immediately by downloading their checklist of all the documents that need to be prepared to make your application.

This webpage will give you everything you need to apply. Here is a breakdown of the process:

Download and fill out the Nonresident Concealed Handgun Permit Application and have it notarized

Get a money order or cashier's check for \$100 made payable to the Virginia State Police

Have two photographs of yourself meeting the requirements spelled out on the Virginia State Police

For more information, click on: <https://www.vsp.virginia.gov/Firearms.shtm>.

If you still have questions or need additional assistance, please contact us at <http://www.nationalcarryacademy.com> or give us a call at 612.839.1835.