

# Obtaining Your Concealed Carry Permit for West Virginia

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

## Is a Concealed Carry Permit Required in West Virginia?

In West Virginia, West Virginia is a constitutional carry state. This means that if you are a West Virginia resident legally able to possess a firearm, you do not need a CCW permit.

However, West Virginia residents who wish to concealed carry in other states are encouraged to apply for a Virginia online concealed carry permit. This will allow them to carry as a non-resident in many states.

## State Reciprocity

Under the Concealed Carry Reciprocity legislation, West Virginia will recognize permits issued by these states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. You must be 21 years of age or older to carry concealed with an out-of-state permit or West Virginia's Permitless Carry.

In West Virginia, open carry is also legal without a permit. However, a permit is required to buy a firearm.

### West Virginia Non-Residents

#### Non-Residents: Why choose online CCW training?

West Virginia 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 West Virginia may apply.

As a non-resident or residents of West Virginia, 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](http://www.vsp.state.va.us)).

Taking CCW training online allows residents anywhere to obtain their CCW permit training from anywhere as long as they have access to a computer, a tablet, or a smartphone and a printer. This levels the playing field for those who live in remote areas of the state and get easily get to a training center.

Work and family schedules and responsibilities may make it impossible to attend a physical training center at the time courses are offered.

The time and travel costs may pose a financial burden to those who want to get a West Virginia CCW permit. Online training removes those costs.

The providers of online CCW training have had to submit an application as a CCW online training provider. The West Virginia Department of Justice has studied these applications and accepted only those that fulfill criteria for accreditation.

## 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](http://www.vsp.state.va.us/Firearms_NonresidentConcealed.shtm)  
or go to [www.vsp.state.va.us](http://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.