



Concealed Weapon or Firearm Licenses

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) issues Concealed Weapon or Firearm Licenses to all individuals qualified to carry a concealed weapon or firearm for lawful self-defense. Anyone who decides to carry a concealed weapon or firearm should be knowledgeable of the provisions of Chapter 790, Florida Statutes.

Am I Eligible for a License?

- Applicants must be 21; service members and honorably discharged veterans are eligible at 18.*
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate competence with a firearm.*
- Applicants must be United States citizens or legal permanent resident aliens.*
- Unless serving in the US Armed Forces, applicants must currently reside in the United States.*
- Applicants are required to pass a fingerprint-based background check. Comprehensive information regarding criminal history and eligibility, including our Preliminary Eligibility Determination Questionnaire, is available at FreshFromFlorida.com.

**Documentation is required.*

How Can I Apply for a New Concealed Weapon or Firearm License?

Applying for a license is now more convenient than ever. You can still mail your application if you prefer, or you can make an appointment to apply in person at one of eight FDACS regional offices or at a participating Florida tax collector's office. FDACS regional offices and participating Florida tax collector's offices are considered "Fast Track" locations, and in most instances, applying at one of these locations will result in faster processing times.

How Much Does a License Cost?

License fees are statutorily established each year by the Florida Legislature. A complete fee schedule can be found at FreshFromFlorida.com



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What Documentation Will I Need When I Apply?

Along with a complete application, applicants are required to submit documentation of competence with a firearm, applicable fees, a passport-style photograph and fingerprints. Applicants born outside the US, are not US citizens or who have a criminal history should visit FreshFromFlorida.com to read our Application Instructions and determine what, if any, additional documentation is required.

Applicants who choose to apply in person, either at an approved Florida Tax Collector's Office or at one of the department's eight regional offices, will not need to bring a paper application, fingerprint card or photograph. You will complete an electronic application once you arrive at the office and submit it to the department for processing. Your fingerprints and photograph will be taken as part of the service provided.

How Can I Renew My License?

The division will mail a renewal application to your mailing address on file about 150 days before your license expires. In addition to renewing by mail or in person at either an FDACS Regional Office or an approved Florida Tax Collector's Office, you can now renew your license online by visiting FreshFromFlorida.com.

Are There Places Where I Cannot Carry a Concealed Weapon Or Firearm?

Yes. Section 790.06 (12), F. S., lists several places where carrying a concealed weapon or firearm is prohibited.

Will My License Allow Me to Openly Carry a Firearm?

No, having a Florida Concealed Weapon or Firearm License will not allow you to openly carry a firearm.

Did You Know?

- Licenses are valid for seven years.
- Expedited processing services are available for honorably discharged veterans and military members.
- Florida has reciprocity agreements in place allowing licensees to carry concealed in certain other states.
- You may have already completed training. Completion of a hunter safety course or law enforcement or military firearms training is acceptable. Additional information regarding acceptable training documentation is available at FreshFromFlorida.com.
- The mandatory waiting period for a handgun purchase is waived for valid concealed weapon or firearm license holders.
- Florida law does not require registration of weapons or firearms, and no license is required to purchase or possess a firearm.
- Online renewal services are available.

To obtain a printed application or to find out more about eligibility requirements, application instructions, required documentation, reciprocity or application locations, visit FreshFromFlorida.com or call 850-245-5691.

