

How to apply for a Minnesota Carry Permit

1. You apply in person at the County Sheriff's office in the county where you reside. In some counties the Sheriff will accept permit applications at remote locations such as county service centers. Check the Sheriff's web site for hours and locations.
2. The application form is available on line using the Adobe form filler program. You can access this form at the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension web site or you can usually find a link to the form of your Sheriff's web site. You can complete the form at home or work and print the completed form that you bring to the Sheriff's office.
3. Do not sign the form until you are actually in person making the application. (you need to be applying "in person")
4. You will need to bring with you: A copy of your training certificate and a copy of a state issued picture ID. (Typically your Minnesota Driver's License).
5. Some counties want to see the original of your training certificate. You might want to bring the original in addition to a copy.
6. Bring a check or cash. Most Sheriff's offices do not accept credit or cash cards.
7. Your permit will be sent to you by mail within thirty days. If you are denied, you will be informed by mail within thirty days.

How to apply for a renewal permit

1. Follow the procedures above (How to apply for a Minnesota Carry Permit)
2. You may apply for your renewal 90 days before your permit expires. Your new permit will come with an expiration date that is 5 years from your old expiration date.
3. If you apply within thirty days after the expiration date, it is still a renewal and you will pay a \$10 service charge and your new permit will have an expiration date 5 years from your old expiration date.
4. If you apply after your permit has been expired for thirty days, it is considered a new permit.
5. Your new permit will be sent to you by mail within thirty days. If you are denied, you will be informed by mail within thirty days.

If you move

1. Within thirty days report the move and your new address to the Sheriff who issued the permit.
2. If you move again, do the same.
3. When you renew, you renew with the Sheriff where you currently reside.
4. You do not need a new permit with your new address. Most Sheriffs will offer to have a new permit issued (with your new address) for a nominal fee.

If your permit is denied

There is an appeals process that has time frames that must be followed. If the appeal goes to a Judge, you should probably use an attorney. If you win the appeal, the Sheriff will be required to pay your legal costs.

Note: Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington County Sheriff's Departments are requiring appointments to submit applications at this time. You will need to call to get an appointment.

Ramsey County Gun Permit Unit 651-266-9670

Hennepin County Permit to Carry: 612-348-8008 (press #2)

Washington County: 651-430-7600

Anoka County: 763-324-5022

Dakota County: 651-438-4743.

Permit to Carry Application: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/bca/bca-divisions/administrative/Documents/Permit-to-Carry-a-Pistol-Application.pdf>