

§ 2-02 Definitions.

Certificate of registration. The term "certificate of registration" shall mean the Certificate of Registration of Rifles and Shotguns issued by the New York City Police Department.

Rifle/shotgun permit. The term "rifle/shotgun permit" shall mean the permit issued by the Rifle/Shotgun Section for the possession and purchase of rifles and shotguns.

§ 3-07 Possession and Registration of Permit.

(a) The permit issued to the permittee by the Rifle/Shotgun Section enables the permittee to possess only rifles or shotguns that are properly registered under their permit.

(b) The permittee shall have the permit to possess rifles and shotguns in their possession at all times when in possession or carrying a rifle and/or shotgun in addition to a separate certificate of registration for that particular rifle and/or shotgun.

§ 10-304 Certificates of registration.

a. It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his or her possession any rifle or shotgun unless said person is the holder of a certificate of registration for such rifle or shotgun.

c. Exhibition of certificate. Every person carrying a rifle or shotgun shall have on his or her person a certificate of registration valid for such weapon. Upon demand, the appropriate certificate shall be exhibited for inspection to any peace officer or police officer. Failure of any person to so exhibit his or her certificate shall be presumptive evidence that he or she is not duly authorized to possess such rifle or shotgun and may be considered by the police commissioner as cause for revocation or suspension of such person's permit.

d. Revocation. The revocation of a rifle or shotgun permit shall automatically be deemed to be a revocation of all certificates of registration for rifles and shotguns held by the person whose permit has been revoked.

1. If the seller is a licensed dealer, he or she shall at the time of the sale issue a certificate of registration to the purchaser provided to the dealer for that purpose by the police commissioner and shall forward to the police commissioner the duplicate thereof, together with the report of disposition.

Procedures for Registering Rifles and Shotguns

All rifles and shotguns stored in New York City must be registered with the Rifle/Shotgun Section.

PERMIT HOLDERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT ALL RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS ARE REGISTERED WITH THE RIFLE/SHOTGUN SECTION. VIOLATIONS WILL BE GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OF PERMIT AND SURRENDER OF FIREARM(S).

(a) If transferring firearms from one permit holder to another, the buyer and seller must check the validity and expiration date of the others' Rifle & Shotgun Permit. It is also the buyer's and seller's responsibility to see if the gun in question has a validated registration form.

(b) The buyer will submit the new registration form to the Rifle/Shotgun Section. The registration form will be validated and sent back to the buyer. The seller should keep the pink copy and the buyer should keep the white copy for their records. The white and pink forms are not actual registration forms.

(c) A green registration form must be filled out and signed by both the buyer and seller for each gun bought and sold.

(d) When a gun is bought from a gun dealer outside New York City, the original bill of sale or a copy must be submitted along with the completed registration form.

(e) When a gun is purchased from an individual not residing in New York City, a notarized bill of sale from the seller listing the make, model and serial number of the gun, and including the name, address and telephone number of the seller must be submitted, along with the completed registration form.

(f) If the permit holder has a gun stored in a residence outside of New York City and wishes to register it in New York City, he or she must submit a notarized letter listing the make, model and serial number of the gun and the address where it was stored. The letter must also indicate how the firearm was originally obtained. The permit holder must also complete a registration form and submit it.

(g) When buying or selling rifles and shotguns from a New York City dealer, a registration form, or disposition report will be issued by the dealer. The dealer will submit a duplicate to the Rifle/Shotgun Section. The permit holder must verify that the Rifle/Shotgun Section has received said registration form or disposition report.

(h) The buyer and seller should submit photocopies of their Rifle & Shotgun Permits, along with the completed registration form.

(i) When a permit holder sells a gun to someone outside of the city who does not possess an Rifle & Shotgun Permit, the permit holder will submit the registration form to the Rifle/Shotgun Section. It is referred to as a disposition form.

(j) All rifles and shotguns brought into New York City for storage must be registered with the Rifle/Shotgun Section within 72 hours of arrival.